

SHIFTING *focus*

senior ashly waits shares her aspirations for photography and media production

Senior Ashly Waits has a unique talent and presents it in different ways. "I feel like I had kind of different hobbies in high school. A lot of people did like the regular school sports and stuff, but I kind of got into photography my sophomore year," Waits said.

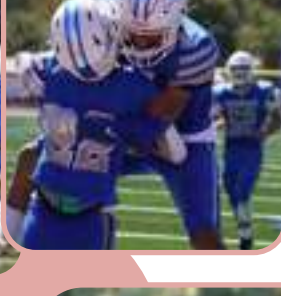
Her journey into the world of photography wasn't solitary; it was a journey embarked upon with friends who shared her enthusiasm. She explained that, "the first year that I did it, I kind of did it because of the friends that I made doing it. We all had lots of fun filming the football games. It was just a fun environment to be around."

However, what started as a fun pastime soon evolved into a profound passion for the art form itself. "But then over the years, I got better, and I started to enjoy like the art part of it more, and it was just fun to, like, look back at my final products and see what I made after," Ashly added.

Despite her impending graduation, Ashly's commitment to her craft remained unwavering, as she affirmed, "I haven't fully decided what I want to do yet, but I definitely don't want to give up on photography, and I definitely want to keep going with it."

When asked about what she aspires for her legacy at RHS, Waits' response was as poignant as her photographs, "I just want people to be able to look back on the years that I was here, and if they look back on any of the media, I want them to appreciate all the art that we made as a class and all the art that I've made with my photos and my videos," she expressed with heartfelt sincerity.

Waits went on to say, "I wouldn't have started photography if it wasn't for Mr. O'Donnell's video production class my first year... and also just the people around me. I had my whole media squad in my sophomore and junior years, and we had lots of fun, which kind of encouraged me to keep going for what I was doing." If anything, she wants her reputation to be a reminder of the beauty found in every moment captured through her lens.



WILD & *free*



Brooke Patton, a senior at RHS, had a lot to say about her high school experience. Reflecting on her favorite memory, she vividly recounted a wild concert

full of hope for what is to come, brooke patton reflects on her past four years at rocklin high...

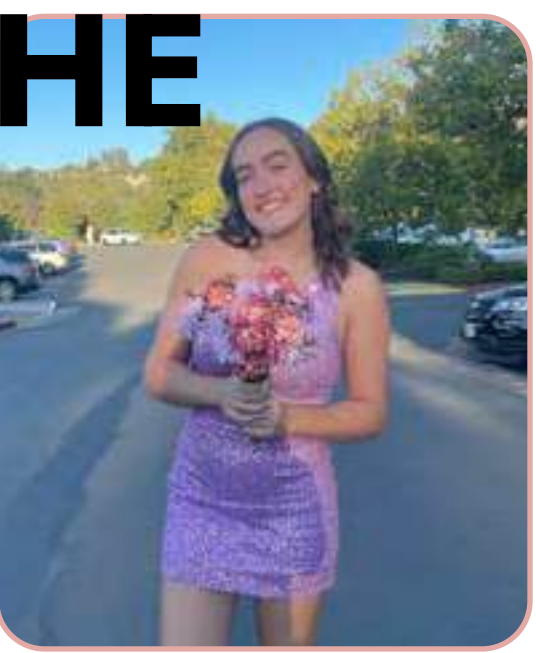


experience. After an exciting win for girl's water polo against Oak ridge, Patton and her friends quickly got ready in the swim bathroom for a Jason Aldean concert. She remembers the exciting drive to the concert, saying, "We had all the songs on the set list blasting in the car the whole way there." When asked about her legacy at RHS, Patton was enthusiastic. "Oh, yeah, I want to win Mr. O'Donnell's sporty sports fest as the daddy dunkers with Hayden," she declared proudly. Explaining further, she described the event as, "...two days of four sports activities with prizes." Looking ahead to her future after high school, Patton expressed her desire to live independently, "being a baddie in Utah, living on my own, is definitely the dream," she stated confidently. As for her academic pursuits, she mentioned an interest in Kinesiology or Exercise Science. Regarding extracurricular activities, Patton's passion for pickleball was evident. "I love playing pickleball with my friends because I'm really good at it," Patton exclaimed. When asked about her playing partners, she listed off names enthusiastically, including Hayden, Makenna, Ella, Celeste, and Sarah, who she described as, "...mad fire." Patton has many aspects to her exciting life and plans to continue on in her pursuit of life in the coming years.

BEHIND THE *scenes*

emma bingham awaits her future as she graduates rhs and starts a new chapter at michigan state university

Every single thing that surrounds us from the first time our eyes open and perceive life around us to the last time we get to enjoy the beauty of this natural world influences our character, attitudes, and emotions. This powerful direction that has faithfully guided senior Emma Bingham through these last four years is due to her involvement in ASB and peer teaching. Discovering her passion for, "...solving medical problems behind the scenes," has led her to pursue Bio Systems Engineering in the fall at Michigan State University. This decision is deeply rooted in her love of learning and picking up new skills that can be helpful to others around her. Bingham is proof that, "...all the little things that we choose to do set us apart from everyone else." The Rocklin community has been well touched by her influence in ASB over the past four years as she leads the students in her spirit committee to bleed blue and silver both on and off campus. Bingham explained that her leadership roles coupled with being a shapeable student have exposed her to, "...so many different ways of living... and helped [her] to become a more open minded person." All of these activities allow Bingham to see the world through many lenses that she wouldn't otherwise have experienced, making her the strong, kind, and successful person she is today.



The scope of the plan out there is way bigger than anything we can think of ourselves.

give back



A decade dedicated to sweat, hours of sacrifice, and lifting others higher than oneself has led to the most valuable quality one can possess: resilience. For Hannah Love, the support from her family, friends, and coaches over the years has intricately impacted the person she has become. As she reflects on a piece of advice she would give to her past self, Love shares that, "a lot of dreams that I had didn't pan out the way I hoped," but the most important thing to take away from those difficult moments is that, "being adaptable makes moving forward easier." Throughout her longtime swimming career, she has accomplished many remarkable things and every step of that journey

has shaped the kind of person she wants and practices to be. Everything from, "work ethic, commitment, what it means to be a teammate, and bouncing back after failure - that made me who I am today," Love says. Her love for math and science is no different than her enjoyment of being in the water. Her passion for creating good in the world has made her decision to study engineering one of the easiest she has ever made. Pushing herself to be more flexible and open to change has allowed Love to experience many wonderful aspects of life she would have never seen.

