

“MY FAVORITE SINGER IS DEFINITELY TAYLOR SWIFT. I’VE BEEN A BIG FAN OF HER SINCE I WAS A KID, AND I WOULD WATCH

HER MUSIC VIDEOS WHEN I WOULD COME HOME AFTER SCHOOL. HER MUSIC SPEAKS TO ME.” **GABRIELLA FROHMAN ‘25**

WE MAKE THE REAL PITCH (and we rock out)



1. HUG IT OUT. Anna Headley ‘24 hugs teammate Jordyn Martinez ‘25 after hearing Jordyn speak about her at Senior Night on Oct. 3. “Jordyn’s speech was so sweet. She talked about all the fun memories we had together and made me cry,” Headley said. **7. WHO IS OPEN?** Catcher Ava Araujo ‘25 throws the ball to the outfield as she sees an opponent from Loveland try to steal a base on Oct. 5. The Bulldogs won 13-7. *photos by a.thomson*



3. TIME TO RUN. At second base, Angelica Gallegos ‘25 watches Monarch’s pitcher throw the ball in the third inning on Aug. 29. *photo by s.granado* **4. PUT ME IN COACH.** Head Coach Paula Siefred pulls Katelyn Opp ‘24 to the side before she goes to bat while facing Arvada West on Aug. 15. *photo by r.doherty* **5. SWEET WORDS.** Madeline Umstead ‘26 reads her letter to Lynnaya Davis ‘24 at Senior Night. *photo by a.thomson*



Softball team selects walk up songs that represent their mindset

WHEN A VARSITY SOFTBALL PLAYER LIKE Brooke Johnson ‘25 went up to bat, “Under the Lights” by Kanye West played over the speakers. The walk up songs played in each inning were chosen by the players for a variety of reasons.

While Johnson chose her song because she just liked the overall beat of it, for players like Angelica Gallegos ‘25, her song was in tribute to her father.

“I picked ‘Return of the Mack’ by Mark Morrison for my walk up song because it was my dad’s walk up song when he played baseball,” Gallegos said. “I really like the song and it holds meaning to both of us. It is something that we share together.”

Emily Moreno Valenzuela ‘24 picked her song because it represented her Spanish heritage.

“My walk up song was ‘4K’ by El Alfa. The song has a good beat and it is in Spanish, and not a lot of

people speak Spanish on the team. I think it is important to represent that side of myself and music allows us to do that,” Moreno Valenzuela said.

When it came time to choose a song, Jordyn Martinez ‘25 found it difficult. She went on to Pinterest and looked at different walk up songs before selecting the one that boosted her confidence.

“I looked up walk up songs and found ‘Legends’ by The Score. I found that it gave me lots of energy while playing, which helped me when I was at bat,” Martinez said.

From country music to rap, each song gave each softball player the boost they needed to get into the right mindset to face the pitcher of the opposing team, according to Riley Doherty ‘26.



1. RUN FAST. Brylyn Haddick ‘24 prepares to slide into third base in the fourth inning while playing Prairie View on Aug. 24. The Bulldogs beat the Thunderhawks 9-1. “We all have a sisterly bond and everyone was focused when we needed to be focused and had fun when we were able to,” Haddick said. *photo by a.thomson* **2. TO MY BEST SENIOR.** Wearing her senior sash, Taylor Madsen ‘24 stares at teammate Riley Doherty ‘26 as she reads her speech about her at Senior Night on Oct. 3. “Senior Night was definitely a night to remember. I have always been an older sister to Riley and it meant a lot that she wrote a speech. We also ended up winning that game, which was a nice way to end a very heartfelt night,” Madsen said. *photo by n.duran* **3. BATTER UP.** Sumi Mizunaga ‘26 prepares to swing the bat at home plate as the pitcher from Loveland gets ready to throw the ball in the second inning on Oct. 5 *photo by a.thomson* **4. PITCH PERFECT.** Brooke Johnson ‘25 winds up her arm to throw a pitch at a Monarch player on Aug. 29 in the last inning. After the strikeout, the Bulldogs won 13-2. “Pitching was a lot to manage, considering I pitched every game, but I loved it so much,” Johnson said. *photo by s.granado*

WE WILL ALWAYS BE BFF’S

WHO: Ryanne Tuck ‘26 and Alana Merciez ‘26 have been friends for nine years.

WHAT IS RYANNE’S FAVORITE RESTAURANT? **ALANA’S ANSWER:** Red Robin (not correct - it’s Cane’s)

WHAT IS ALANA’S MIDDLE NAME? **RYANNE’S ANSWER:** Christine (correct)



Friends quiz each other on one another

BOTH SETS OF FRIENDS - Ryanne Tuck ‘26 and Alana Merciez ‘26 and Grace Maillet ‘27 and Sophia Petrocco ‘27 - sat down and answered random questions about one another separately. The answers were revealed to each pair after.



WHO: Grace Maillet ‘27 and Sophia Petrocco ‘27 have been friends for nine years

WHAT’S GRACE’S FAVORITE SHOES? **SOPHIA’S ANSWER:** Jordan Seafoam 4’s (correct)

WHAT’S SOPHIA’S STARBUCKS ORDER? **GRACE’S ANSWER:** Strawberry Acai with lemonade (correct)

WE LOVE GOOD JAMS

Music genres provide students time to relax

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WHO: Layla Cole ‘27

MUSIC: Alternative

WHY SHE LOVES ALTERNATIVE: “There is such a wide range of styles within one

genre of alternative. I tend to listen to more upbeat songs though. I prefer to listen to music in my airpods because it disrupts nobody else and nobody has any complaints about what I’m playing.”



WHO: Aivren Dohrer ‘27

MUSIC: Reggae

WHY SHE LOVES REGGAE: “I personally like reggae music because it reminds

me of the summertime and it’s hard to feel any kind of way other than happy when listening to it. It really just brings me a lot of peace while I just sit, listen and get lost in all of the great music.”