

World's Greatest Grizzly

In the Olympics, the winner of the decathlon, which consists of ten different challenging events, earns the honorary title of the “World’s Greatest Athlete.” If Mesa Ridge had a decathlon for academics and school activities, Sam Bizzell might be called “World’s Greatest Grizzly.” He is a top senior student with a rigorous course load; he is part of the leadership team for ROTC and a member of the Drill Team; he has participated in varsity soccer, golf, and track; and he is a member of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) through which he has qualified for the state competition in Biomedical Engineering.

How does he do it all? “Time management is a big thing for me,” said Sam.

“You can do everything you want to do if you’re focused and keep track of your schedule.”

As a senior student leader in his different activities, Sam hopes that younger students look up to his example, especially because he doesn’t commit half-heartedly to any of his involvements. “There are always people you can go to for help,” said Sam, encouraging students to reach out to try new things at Mesa Ridge.

While Sam has a plan, he knows many students are still exploring their options for life after high school. Sam’s advice to those students: “Apply yourself in school and engage in different clubs and activities.” He noted that he met so many people and had many different experiences in high school that he felt confident in making a decision about what he wanted to do next. Also: “Talk to Mr. Burgess!” Sam said Mr. Burgess, the College and Career Counselor, has been a tremendous help in planning Sam’s future.

In fact, Sam plans to continue his commitment in ROTC in college. He plans on attending the Colorado School of Mines to pursue his interest in engineering, particularly in aerospace engineering. While there, he intends to participate in the Air Force ROTC with the hope of becoming an officer in the United States Air Force one day. He credits his four years in the PLTW Biomedical Science track with helping him realize his passion for engineering. From sports to clubs to a career in science and military, the World’s Greatest Grizzly Sam Bizzell has done it all and it looks like he’ll continue in the future.

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