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Meghan “Meg” LaHatte is currently a junior at Western Colorado University, studying Communication Arts and Art. She plans on achieving her BFA in Photography, while also improving her graphic design technical skillsets. Meg is also enrolled in the Honors Program at Western, in which she takes advanced classes and is a teaching assistant. Aside from schoolwork, Meg works for Wilderness Pursuits, a student-led outdoor education program, as an instructor and media coordinator. She is also a freelance photographer, and primarily shoots action sports and branding content for outdoor companies.

Meg was raised in Augusta, Georgia, where she attended Episcopal Day School and Aquinas High School. She accredits her educational upbringing for allowing her to become a dedicated and ambitious student. Meghan has always had a strong love for education and the challenges it brings. However, it was not only her love for education that brought her to Western, but her infatuation with the West Elk Mountains.

With a certain fascination and fixation on the outdoors, Meg always knew she wanted to eventually surround herself with recreational opportunities. Western Colorado University provides her with just that. As an avid rock climber and skier, Meg has found Gunnison to be exceptionally fulfilling. She is a member of the newfound competitive climbing team, and driven instructor at Wilderness Pursuits where she focuses on rock climbing, biking, and skiing trips.

Meghan also runs a photography business when she is not working hard on campus. Focusing on action sports, Meg has worked with major companies like Momentum Ski Camps, The North Face, HydroFlask, Freeskier Magazine and other companies for social and branding work. She has also shot big scale events such as the X Games for Forecast Ski Magazine. She hopes that she can turn her photographic aspirations into a full time career.

In her free time, Meg enjoys exercising, traveling, volunteering, mountain climbing, cooking, and socializing. She calls Crested Butte her home ski mountain, and enjoys all the backcountry skiing beyond the valley. Her drive for skiing, climbing, and dwelling in the mountains inspires her to create unique visual artworks. Her love for nature has given Meg a desire to eventually work for a non profit such as the Access Fund or Protect Our Winters in their given communications departments.



