





ances as he flies through the doing a trick. "I prefer skating friends because ... we can ork on a particular trick right) FEET IN PLACE boarding mostly because it els like such an outlet to me and y friends," Gyllenram said. ottom right) SUNSET SKATE ESH. Gyllenram balances the heels of his board the edge of a lab. "I find it very hard to pick one ngular favorite skateboarder cause there are so many that I otos courtesy of Hugo Gyllenram

(left) UP IN THE air, Gyllenram

Hugo Gyllenram shares his experience with skateboarding culture and how he was able to get sponsored.

ugo Gyllenram, born and raised in Sweden, became a part of the local skate scene at 10 years old and soon fell in love with it.

"Shortly after midsummer, I got a skateboard from my parents and I spent my entire summer skateboarding and making friends at the park," Gyllenram said. "I fell in love with it right away and found the community to be amazing."

He brought the Swedish skate scene with him when he moved to Palo Alto. Instead of treating skateboarding like an intense sport, he treats it as a leisurely activity that takes his mind off stress. School work and

extracurriculars can get overwhelming so many students need some sort of outlet. For Gyllenram and his friends, skating is the perfect solution. **1 fe**ll in love with

"If we're feeling bummed out or something is stressing us out we can always pick up our skateboard and it takes our mind off things," Gyllenram said.

Although skateboarding is all about having fun for Gyllenram, he also works with skating brands. His friends began filming some of their tricks and posting them on social media; these posts gained attention from skating brands.

Now, Gyllenram is skating for Despite Skateboards, a clothing brand, along with many of his friends.

"We release clothes, we design stuff, and we throw events it right away and such as premieres whenever we found the commurelease a skate video," Gyllenram nity to be amazing." said. "We love throwing events HUGO GYLLENRAM like these because it just brings the whole community together to

> go and watch what we have spent a few years working on."

He is able to do it all with skateboarding: destress, have fun, and be creative while working with his friends!















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