



# EYES on the RISE

Diya Lansberg shares her love for hiking, backpacking.

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**B**ackpacking and hiking in the serene mountains is a favorite pastime for Diya Lansberg, the president of the Mountaineering Club.

Lansberg started hiking in the sixth grade. After a backpacking trip in Yosemite during the summer after seventh grade Lansberg fell in love with hiking. As she grew older and entered high school during the pandemic she wanted to make connections with others so she joined the Mountaineering Club.

"I felt like I was just stuck in my house a lot," Lansberg said. "On Club Day, I saw that PALY had a Mountaineering Club and so I signed up and I went on a few hikes and I really loved it because it was a

way to get out and meet people."

Now, as president of the Mountaineering Club, Lansberg arranges all of the events for the club and works to increase the members.

"Last semester, we went on a super fun backpacking trip to Montebello," Lansberg said. "We had nine people go and everyone really loved it."

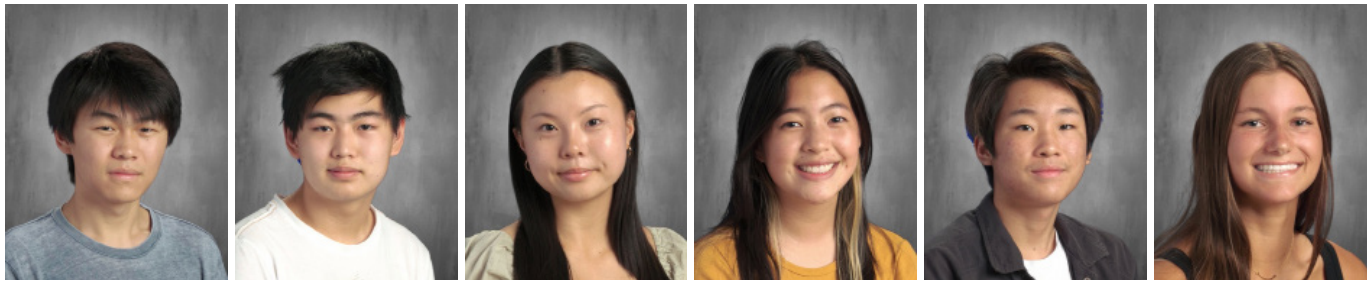
**DIYA LANSBERG** Lansberg continues to enjoy the scenic hikes and continues to hike monthly with friends and family.

"I think my favorite thing [about hiking] is that we get to know each other really well when we go on hikes because you just have hours to walk and to talk about random things," Lansberg said. "I think that's really nice."



(far left) **WATCHING THE SUNRISE**, Diya Lansberg's club takes photos and soaks in the moment. "This year we're hoping to go to Big Sur over spring break," Lansberg said. "I'm thinking about a few routes. There's not like a specific one set in place, but there's one route that goes to some hot springs."  
 (left) **WATCHING THE COLOR** changing sky, Lansberg takes a photo. She would advise everyone who likes to hike to try backpacking. "As long as you go with someone who knows what they're doing, the trip should run smoothly," Lansberg said. "Although, the [backpacking] gear can be difficult to find."  
 (above) **POSING FOR A** photo, Lansberg, and the rest of the club, take a photo at Monterey Bello nature preserve. "I just like being out in nature and being away from the Palo Alto environment," Lansberg said.

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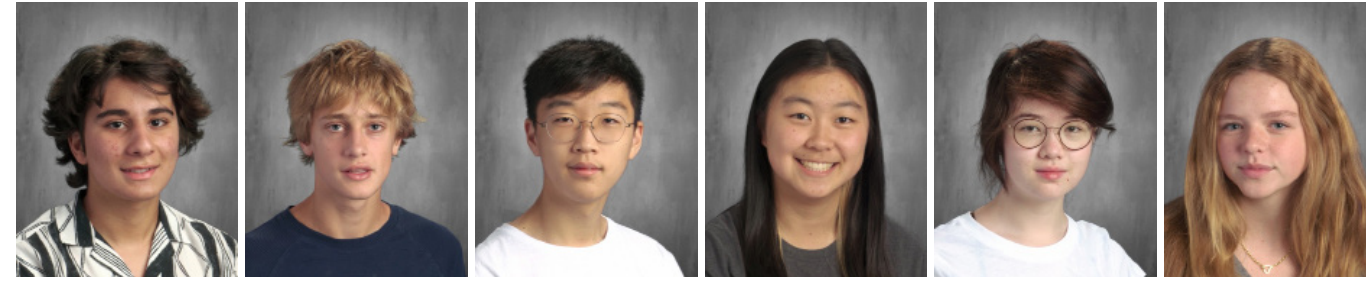
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