

FEATURES

Lion King Roars Into Richmond

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The Aud is hosting its annual winter show on December 9, 10, and 11. This year, the production happens to be *The Lion King*.

The cast has spent months preparing, and are eager to get on with the show.

"When the cast list came out, I was really excited," said freshman Rachel Tavano, who was casted as the role of Mufasa.

"I've never played a role this powerful before, so it's a bit of a challenge. I'm pretty easy going all things considered, but this has been fun to work with," Tavano said.

Senior Emma Haack plays the antagonist of the play: Scar.

"I'm not very evil but playing villain roles are easily my favorite," she said.

Haack, although excited to perform, is also not quite ready yet. As her life on the stage is coming to a slow end, this show is bittersweet.

"This is going to be one of my last shows and of course I'm excited to get on stage and perform, but to think it could be one of my last times is hard," she said.

After being in 27 theatrical performances, it didn't seem like it would ever end—but it does.

"I've been doing theatre since early middle school and to know that a year from today, I'll be in the audience and not on stage is definitely upsetting, but I've just got to stay positive and make the most of the time I have left," she said.

And she plans on it.

Nobody can perform an amateur show until it comes off of Broadway, so Haack and the cast have been waiting years to do *The Lion King*.

Junior Anna Maxwell, is one of those people. "*The Lion King* was my favorite movie as a kid and my favorite show as I got older, so being able to take part in a production of it is really cool," she said.

Maxwell is the student director of this show and couldn't be more grateful.

"I have been in many plays when I was younger, but when I got into high school I became more interested in the behind-the-scenes aspects of theater.

For the past three or four shows I've taken part in, I was Stage Manager, and I love doing that, but being able to look at the show and help out with the actual acting is exciting and different," she said.

With an eye for detail, it's easy for Maxwell to see when things go wrong.

"We have a director who oversees the whole thing, but it's hard to pick up on every flaw.

That's why I'm here. I help give additional notes and feedback and offer new ideas. With two of us, it makes the job much easier than it would be with just one director," she said.

Maxwell has directed once before during the Aud's junior summer production of *Aladdin*.

"I was a co-director once before with Daniel [Seguin] so because I've already done it once before. This time around has been much easier, especially since I'm not the actual director, so not all the weight is on my shoulders—just some of it," she said.

Aladdin was a bit different because that was a strictly junior cast, meaning, no high school students.

"*The Lion King* though has kids my age as well as middle school students and younger, which also made my job a bit easier because the leads are a little more experienced than the younger students are," she said.

The show has been a great experience for all involved.

Maxwell said, "Both shows have made me find a love for directing and I really hope that I'm able to have more opportunities to direct in the future."

Mirror Image RHS Drawing Students Duplicate Staff

By: Devon Dentai

Staff Writer

"I want them to see it is not always teachers vs. the students.... We aren't out to get you," Richmond High School artistic director Mrs. Belf said. The students at RHS in classes ranging from Drawing 2 to Drawing 3 were given quite the task.

Each student chose a teacher. The selection was first come first serve to determine who got to do which teacher. They then got the picture from the year-book class.

The catch? Directly after taking the picture the students then had to cut the photograph in half vertically. The point? To then, as accurately as possible, recreate the rest of the photo armed with nothing but their pencils and their raw artistic capabilities.

Senior Arianna Klein was in charge of doing the teacher sketch for 2014's RHS's Teacher of the Year Mrs. Underwood.

"It was first come first serve so I decided to go with her. I'm very happy I did with her, being one of my favorite teachers and all," Arianna said.

After deciding on her teacher to do the assignment, Arianna viewed this project as a delightful challenge.

"This one was different, I like how with this project you have what your ending should be,"

Arianna said.

Assistant principal Mr. Rinehart appreciated the artwork.

He said, "I feel you can't deny the immense talent and artistic creativity coming out of the Richmond High School. I know personally I would give my rendering (done by a Ms. Jael Kish) a 10/10, I was in pure awe.... Like at first sight I truly thought it could have been a photo."

So how did the "photofication" process begin? Well first, after cutting the captured image in half, where would you even begin to start on such an unguided task?

"I decided to start on the face, the mouth actually!" Arianna said.

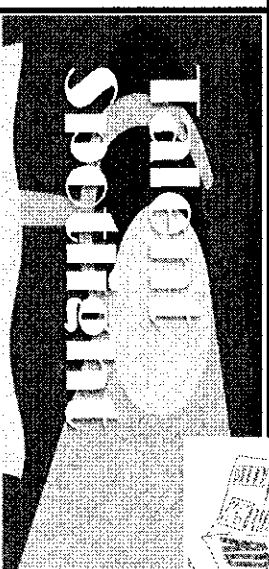
After a combined total of about two hours, Arianna finally finished her masterpiece.

Arianna wanted to personally reveal her art to Mrs. Underwood.

"I wanted to specifically show her myself. She thought it looked really nice. I'm happy to have done one of my favorite teachers for this project," Arianna said.

Mrs. Belf shared her happiness towards the result of the project and the progress her young pupils have made.

"After only learning to draw faces last year and this being their second project based around drawing their own face, I was very impressed. I only ever needed to help a couple individuals with a few small things. The project was most definitely a success," she said.



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Did you take lessons or teach yourself?

I taught myself. I taught myself by math — it's too complicated to explain.

Do you play any other instruments?

No.

Would you want to play another instrument?

Not really.

Favorite guitarist and why?

Darryl Lance, because he's talented.

How long have you been playing?

11 years.

What songs can you play?

Anything — like Metallica.

Why the guitar?

I don't know — it was a long time ago.

How many times do you practice a day?

About 3 hours a day.

What kind of guitar do you have?

A black Ibanez.

Another Year, Another Turkey

By: Ana Kinkela

Staff Writer

Another Thanksgiving has come about, giving students and their family members a reason to gather around. The smell of delicious food cooking and the sound of laughter among family members is something to be thankful for during this time.

Junior Gwen Lockwood is ecstatic for Thanksgiving and being able to have the time with their families.

For Lockwood, she has an early Thanksgiving dinner because she and her mom go Black Friday shopping.

"I like being able to spend time with my mom around the holidays, especially because her time is limited," Lockwood said.

You can unsubscribe Besides getting to spend time with her mom, she is thrilled to be cooking with her dad in the kitchen. Lockwood usually makes everything besides the turkey. Her dad tries to focus on that the most, hoping to perfect it for their feast.

"I don't mind cooking everything. It is fun and a great time to just be with the family and have them appreciate what I do to help out," said Lockwood.

Lockwood loves her family and getting to spend time with them. She couldn't begin to fathom a holiday without the love of her family.

"My family means a lot to me, and holidays are the one time I'm able to get them all together, so I'm most thankful for that," Lockwood said.

One of the traditions the Lockwood family has is putting a ribbon with their names attached to a giant Hershey bar.

"This tradition means a lot to me. I don't know why, but I like that it's something we do every year," Lockwood said.

Before they sit down and take in all the food they had prepared, they say grace and name what they are thankful for. Once they have gone around the table, everyone begins to dig in to the food.

Thanksgiving means the world to Lockwood, and everything that comes with it, making the food, cleaning it all up, talking, laughing, even the arguing that comes on occasion. She wouldn't trade her family for the world.

For freshman Shelby Auito, being surrounded by her three brothers and her mom is something she's used to, but having more of her enthusiastic family around is what she looks forward to every year.

"My family is just a little bit crazy, so it's more of a giant party with everyone we know," said Auito.

Auito loves the food. She's definitely a food fanatic, and the thought of Thanksgiving just around the corner is a thrill to her.

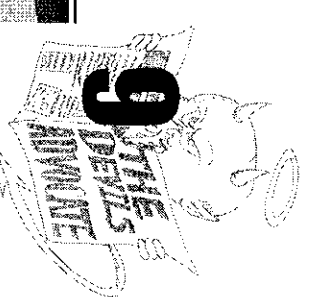
"I love Thanksgiving food, and I'll probably be a fat pig afterwards, but it's so worth all the good food my family cooks," Auito said.

Auito also loves the Italian dressing her grandpa makes.

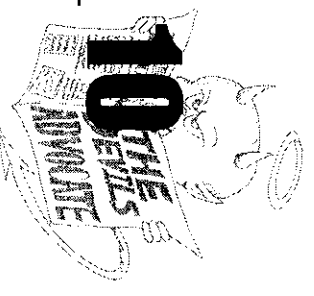
"The reason I like Thanksgiving is not just because it's time for thanks, or to spend time with family, or anything remotely like that. I like Thanksgiving because I get free food from relatives I never talk too," Joey Auito said.

One big tradition Auito and her brother Joey Auito is the wish bone. They both grab a side and as they pull, they make their wish.

"Joey usually wins every year, but he's an amazing brother—so he deserves the wish the most," Auito said.



Features



MyLead Motivates Fortuna *Sophomore Gains Leadership Experience at MSU*

By: Sydney Black
Staff Writer

One junior is on the rise to success. Last year, Haley Fortuna attended a leadership conference at Michigan State University. It was called MyLead.

"People from Richmond have been going [to MyLead] for a really long time. I had to apply," said Fortuna.

My Lead took place from the 20th to the 22nd of May 2016.

Fortuna, along with many other 15 and 16-year-olds, stayed in the dorms at MSU. However, Fortuna didn't exactly enjoy staying in the dorms.

"It was a neat experience... But it was kind of gross," said Fortuna.

The dorms had community showers—that's right, community. Despite that, Fortuna said it was nice to be able to go back to the dorms and hang out with friends she made.

"It was cool that all the friends you made were right next door, so we all just hung out until lights out," said Fortuna.

The atmosphere was friendly and inviting. Getting into MyLead wasn't easy. To apply, students had to write two essays.

"From the list of prompts, I chose what I think is wrong with today's education and how we should change it," Fortuna said.

During the conference, the students did various leadership activities. They were broken up into groups so everyone would be with new people. Fortuna, being the

only one from Richmond, had no choice but to be adapt to being with strangers.

"As the day progressed, we had to sign up for three different classes that would interest us — I chose resume building," said Fortuna. "A resume a sheet you give businesses and colleges [to apply there] and it says what your experiences are and why they should choose you."

And why resume building?

"I know that it's important because I'm going to be applying to college and jobs, and I didn't really know how to make one," Fortuna said.

Certain parts of MyLead were hard, Fortuna said.

"They really stressed pushing us out of our comfort zone; that's already hard enough, and when you're surrounded by strangers, it's even harder," said Fortuna.

The second night was a talent show. "At the show, everyone had a chance to go up to the microphone and share what they've had to go through, and that was the best part for me," said Fortuna. "Everyone was just really open about problems at home or at school, and it just really opened up my eyes to that everyone wears a mask and everyone their own problems."

Fortuna said the experience was the most inspiring thing she's ever encountered.

But would she go back?

The answer is a definite yes.

Fortuna is considering being a group leader next year. She said it was unlike anything she's ever done before— which

is why she wishes to be a leader. Fortuna believes she would be a good leader because of her leadership skills. She has a gift of getting people to listen to her, which can be difficult.

"I'm good at talking to people and speaking my mind. I'm not afraid to have a different opinion from everyone else."

Fortuna said.

MyLead also taught her other leadership skills that she can add on to her own.

"I learned that you really need to be open minded," said Fortuna. "You need to listen to what other people have to say."

MyLead is a very inspirational and encouraging place to attend. Fortuna was introduced to many new skills and information that will help her throughout her life.

"I learned at that if you want people to follow you, you have to explain to them what your goal is and how you're going to get there," Fortuna said. "Explaining the end result that we are all aiming at is a very important skill because nobody is going to agree on everything. But, if everyone has the same end goal, then it doesn't matter. You are all working for the same goal."

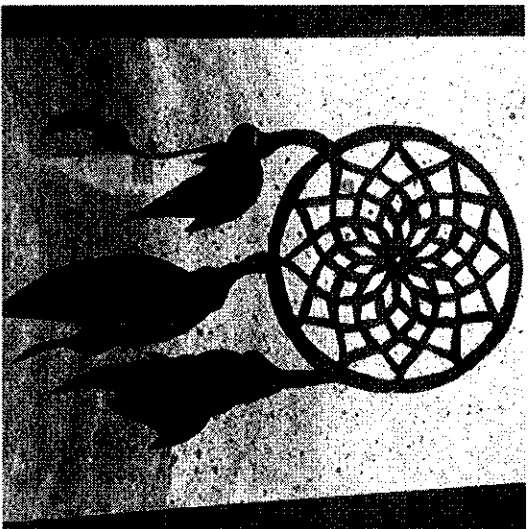
Fortuna wants to encourage other students to apply to MyLead.

She said, "Richmond picks two students from the 10th grade every year. I think that everyone should try it, regardless of what they're into, because it's a life-changing experience."

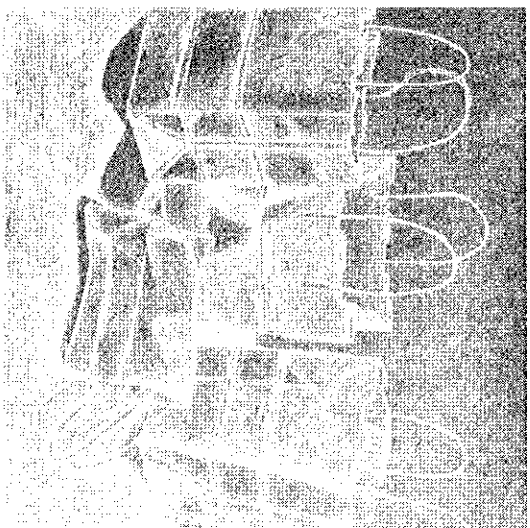
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