



Divergent V. Hunger Games

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Today I have Jennifer Lawrence, the main actress in the movie, *Hunger Games*, and Shailene Woodley, the main actress in the movie *Divergent*, to discuss their movies.

How was the final production of the movies, in your opinion?

Lawrence: "It was amazing how it all came together so perfectly. I am amazed at how they put it all together."

Woodley: "I loved it. It was amazing to be a part of such an amazing production."

Hunger Games and *Divergent* have come to be known to be much related in ways that make it seem like they copied each other. In what ways do you think they're similar?

Lawrence: "Tris (Shailene Woodley) in *Divergent* and Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) in the *Hunger Games* are two brave, rebellious sixteen-year olds, who endure an oppressive government along with routine teenage difficulties."

Woodley: "Both involve communities that are isolated and distinguished from one another. In *Divergent* the society is separated into five factions, each representing a virtue: honesty, intelligence, bravery, selflessness, and peace. Members of different factions rarely associate with each other."

Lawrence: "Likewise, in the *Hunger Games* the nation is divided into twelve districts. Each district has a main industry that functions as the center of life for its population."

What about ways in which they are different?

Woodley: "In *Divergent* one has the ability to choose their faction at the age of sixteen, therefore allowing them to dictate their own future. They both may have the same guideline, but

they are a lot different. For example, *Divergent* is set specifically in the city once known as Chicago while the *Hunger Games* is set throughout North America."

Lawrence: "One does not have the freedom of choosing their district in the *Hunger Games*."

How are the governments different in both movies?

Lawrence: "Well the government is very controlling in both and has so much to say in the lives of the people in both movies. In the *Hunger Games*, the Capitol is more clearly defined as the all-powerful government that controls the nation of Panem."

Woodley: "Conflicts within the government erupt throughout the story in *Divergent*, whereas the conflict with the government is present for several decades in the *Hunger Games*. An unnamed government, however, composed of members of different factions exists in *Divergent*, therefore differentiating the two books."

What is the difference of the troubles that the two girls face in their movies?

Woodley: "Tris mainly struggles to find her place in her new faction, while Katniss has more day-to-day problems, such as finding food for her family."

Lawrence: "Tris is more of a soldier, involved in the combat itself, whereas Katniss is portrayed rather as an icon of hope for the rebels."

Lastly, talk about the romance in the two movies and their similarities or differences.

Lawrence: "Tris always shows affection towards only Four, but Katniss is involved in a romance triangle with two boys and struggles to decide between them."

These two movies show how the female characters are stronger than what they are portrayed to be just like in the real world.

Deadpool Slashes Box Office

By: Brendan Hart
Sports Co-Editor

Wade Wilson is back!!!

This time the right way not some mouth sewed shut monster. He is the merc with a mouth.

He is Deadpool!

On February 12th, *Deadpool* hit theatres after test footage leaked and caused fans to demand Fox to bring their favorite mercenary to this big screen.

Ryan Reynolds will be playing *Deadpool* a character he has dreamt of playing for years especially after the flop of *Green Lantern*. Reynolds has made sure that this will be the *Deadpool* fans deserve. In order to do this, the movie is rated R, the first Marvel film with such rating since *Punisher: War Zone*.

"Ryan Reynolds is the perfect *Deadpool* character, there isn't a single actor who I would rather have to portray him," said senior Brandon Kuncie.

In 2014 footage of an in the works preview for the studio to greenlight the movie was released online causing fans to demand the movie to be made.

Deadpool is unlike any other superhero as in he is a mercenary. *Deadpool* is a former Special Forces operative who was diagnosed with terminal illness until he is recruited for a test to give him superhuman abilities including accelerated healing, superhuman strength and speed. Using those abilities along with his skills with most firearms and his trademark katanas. "What makes *Deadpool* so great is the fact that he is aware that he is in a movie and carries himself as if he is in the real world, he knows what is going on around him and embraces it," said

Another reason that *Deadpool* is unlike other characters is because he breaks the fourth wall early and often in both his comics and the movie. When he does this he earns his R rating calling out everyone and everything from Ryan Reynolds to IKEA.

With this film being a risky project, considering its R rating and not as well-known hero, FOX only gave director and his crew a \$40 million budget, however after seeing this movie you would've never thought that.

"When I heard that they only had \$40 million I was shocked, it definitely didn't look like it with the special effects, CGI and gore being as good as it was," said Kuncie.

One way the movie made its opening weekend \$150 million, an R rated movie record, is by using several different marketing tactics, including *Deadpool* vandalizing other movies posters, making it sound like a love story with certain TV spots, and emojis on billboards to grab people's attention.

"Seeing the □□L billboard all over Twitter made me laugh so I ended up seeing it; thankfully I did because it was awesome," said senior Jake Stewart.

Deadpool features more than just Ryan Reynolds as its lead, it also stars Morena Baccarin as Vanessa, Wilson's love interest. Along with T.J. Miller as Wilson's best friend. And Ed Skrein as Ajax and former UFC fighter Gina Carano as Angel Dust, the movies two villains.

T.J. Miller being known as a funny guy definitely solidified his name as funny all the way throughout this movie. As Weasel, Miller has gained much praise from viewers everywhere.

"He was hilarious. Every scene he was part of was funny and left me laughing afterwards," said senior Makenzy Gaigalas.

Since *Deadpool* is in the X-Men universe it only seems right that there are at least some X-Men in the film. However, since FOX is also releasing *X-Men: Apocalypse* this year they had to refrain from the well known X-Men. However they were allowed to use Colossus, a man who can turn his whole body into steel, and Negasonic Teenage Warhead, Colossus' protégé.

One of the most well-known characters in *Deadpool* comics is Cable, the time travelling hero who always seems to be around when *Deadpool* and his shenanigans take place. He is said to appear in the unannounced sequel.

Last year FOX released a reboot of the *Fantastic Four* that bombed at the box office.

Originally there were plans for *Deadpool* to be a solo film, but after the failure of *Fantastic Four* and *Deadpool*'s immediate success at the box office, it seems like we will be seeing Wade Wilson on the big screen sometime in the near future.

Be Careful What you wish for...

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So, once you accommodate to the life of going to college and working to pay for student loans, you'll have begun your basic lifestyle for your next 4-8 years.

Once you graduate college, no more depending on mom and dad for money. For food. For a place to live.

It's time.

Time for you get on with your life.

Not to forget, you have all that student debt sitting on your shoulders as well.

So, you are out of college, have a degree, and most likely a ton of student debt. What next?

Well, you know that degree that cost you thousands of dollars you

don't have? Well, it's time to get a job with that degree.

When you get this job, you can start paying off your student loans, find a place to live, buy food, pay for your car insurance, pay for your phone, and much more.

So, again, why are high school students in such a hurry to graduate?

Maybe it has to do with the fact that we all want to "grow up" and get on with our lives.

Just make sure when you graduate college and have to deal with the stresses of paying for a roof over your head, food on your plate, clothes on your body, and a lot more, that you wanted so bad to graduate high school and get out of mom and dad's house.

Monopoly: a game that has entertained players for years. A very fun game, although it is a difficult one. For years people have wondered the proper way to play and win. I have devised the perfect strategy. First, buy as many properties as you can. Second, start building on those properties. Third, flip the board because you landed on boardwalk just after your opponent placed a hotel on it.



Smallwood's Love for Languages

By: Kaitlyn Milliken
Staff writer

Mrs. Smallwood is a Spanish teacher at RHS who has had many years of experience with teaching students the Spanish language. Impressively, she has taught at this school since 1993, making her one of the longest-serving teachers to at RHS.

Not only has Smallwood taught Spanish for more than 22 years, but, she can also speak up to four languages: English, German, French, and (her most notable) Spanish. The subject of Languages has always been a topic that has fascinated her, even when she was in high school.

It was at Stevenson High School, in Utica, that she was first inspired to teach. She was learning French, and figured she would try to learn a different language.

She chose Spanish. A woman by the name of Linda Schasinger was Smallwood's old Spanish teacher.

And she was the person who inspired her the

most.

She loved how she taught in class, how she connected with students, and most of all, how passionate she was about the subject.

When it came time for Smallwood to try to figure out a career, she decided she wanted to be a teacher. Learning and teaching were always two things she enjoyed. Plus, she aspired to be like her old Spanish teacher.

Mrs. Smallwood went to a couple of colleges before returning home to begin substitute teaching. She went to CMU to get her Undergrad degree, in Science and teaching. And she got her Masters at Marygrove in Detroit.

For a short time, she worked with disabled students while she was in college as a classroom aid. This early experience helped her to discover how to work with students and figure out teaching strategies.

In college, she went to Spain for a month-and-a-half-trip. She stayed with a family in the city of Seville. During her time there, she toured the beautiful country of Spain.

One of her favorite things there were the Tap-

as (appetizers served in restaurants in Spain, commonly ordered instead of full meals.) She enjoyed the fresh seafood immensely. But her favorite food was Paella, which is a dish made of rice and chicken.

"The food in Spain is mostly European inspired. It's actually not Latin-based food (that typically has tortillas) which surprised me when I came there," Mrs. Smallwood, a mother of two children, said.

Ironically, the first place she taught at was her old high school. And she taught with her old Spanish teacher, Mrs. Schasinger. She was a substitute there for one semester.

Then she made her way to Richmond and began teaching here. It was a bit different to her to come to this school at first. But, she had one teacher here that helped mentor her. That teacher was the art teacher Mrs. Chikmakis.

Mrs. Chikmakis was a teacher that helped guide Smallwood when she first arrived. It made her more comfortable to have someone there to help her get used to the job.

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Recap on Van Haverbeck

By: Christina Thomas
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"...if you settle for mediocracy your life will be mediocre and you may never reach your full potential... NEVER settle for MEDIOCRE."

During the school year of 2005, Kayla Calomeni was put in Mrs. Shepard-Logan's class where the class was exposed to the concept of web design.

"The project that got me hooked on web design was the project where we had to design a website for a hotel," said Calomeni.

This is where Calomeni discovered what she wanted to pursue for her career.

And pursuing is exactly what she did.

Let's fast forward eleven years into the future...

Her name is no longer Kayla Calomeni.

It is now Kayla Van Haverbeck. She is 23 and is the lead developer at GM of her group of 70 people while being on the 'fast track' toward becoming a manager.

"I was able to do this by showing dedication to my team and showing enthusiasm for my work and taking any opportunity to stand out of the team of 70 people that I am on," said Van Haverbeck.

In Van Haverbeck's high school days, she got to use her past experience with Mrs. Shepard-Logan's class to guide her into what classes she enrolled in throughout high school.

"In high school I took all of the required classes, but I tried to sneak in a web design class any time I got to choose my own elective. My sophomore year I even got to do an online class in web design because Richmond didn't offer a class and I was not eligible to attend Pankow," said Van Haverbeck. "In my junior and senior year I was at Pankow in the web design class with Mrs. Schmid."

On top of all her core classes and other credits, Van Haverbeck was in S.A.D.D, Key Club, Student Government, BPA,

NHS, and NTHS throughout high school.

In Van Haverbeck's junior year of high school she branded websites as 'KB web Designs' and started making websites for small companies and some of the staff at RHS.

Some of the sites Van Haverbeck did were for the Football Team, The AUD, and the Richmond Good Old Days.

"For the AUD I created a promotional video for grants and fundraising with sponsors. I also created their first website, and then re-designed it and taught other kids how to manage it. I also taught my own web design classes there during my senior year," said Van Haverbeck.

Also in her junior year, Van Haverbeck got to work with the principal of RHS (at this time it was Mr. Olsen) in redesigning the web page for RHS itself.

"While I was in Pankow I joined Business Professionals of America (BPA) and competed in web development and web design. Through this organization I placed 2nd in the State of Michigan for web development and 4th for Web Design, and 24th in the Nation for web development (I flew out to California to compete) by the end of my senior year," said Van Haverbeck.

Van Haverbeck's first job was at The AUD in 2009 as the IT liaison her senior year.

In the summer of 2010 she began working full time and hasn't caught a break since then.

After graduating high school, Van Haverbeck continued on to college where she took mostly programming classes, with some math and English credits as well.

"I graduated from Macomb Community College with my associates in 2011," said Van Haverbeck. "After that I graduated from Lawrence Technological University in December 2013."

Van Haverbeck took Trig, Calculus 1 and two statistics classes. However, her core programming classes included PHP, Java, C++, Database Design and SQL, and VB .net.

With these classes, she is now in a Master's program at Walsh College for a Master's in Information Technology Leadership along with her job at GM.

Here she is taking communication courses, accounting, statistics and classes that will teach her how to make managerial decisions based on data and working with in the governance of a corporation.

"During college I was very focused on what I wanted to do and took every class I could that related to web development. But ultimately I chose to get a Computer Science degree from Lawrence Technological University, which allowed me to attain the job I have today, a Software Developer at General Motors," said Van Haverbeck.

On top of all the things Van Haverbeck is currently doing with her job, college, and starting a new family, she went beyond her expectations and created an app for only the employees of GM.

"The app that I created is a GM Internal app that executives use to make business decisions and negotiate with the suppliers that GM works with by providing them with information that they need," said Haverbeck.

The idea of the app is entirely from Van Haverbeck but at the moment the app is still a Proof of Concept and is getting reviewed by the Vice President of GPSC and will let Van Haverbeck know what changes or modifications need to be made to make the app more useful for executives like himself.

In life, going out of your comfort zone is something that is only going to benefit you and get you closer to your goals and this is shown through Kayla herself.

"...if you really use your full potential and challenge yourself to do the impossible, others will recognize it and want to work with you because of it," said Van Haverbeck.

Mediocrity is something that Kayla never allowed herself to fall into and this motivated her into becoming the independent and successful woman she is.



Pretty In Pink

By: Hailey Dziegelewski
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The Miss Richmond contest is approaching and six girls are scrambling to find the perfect dress to impress.

The morning of February 28th will consist of hair styling, makeup brushing, nail painting, nerves and shakes for seniors Madie Teltow and Ashley Kuzatko.

"I'm super excited for the experience; I think it will be a ton of fun," said Teltow.

Teltow has always wanted to participate in the competition but wanted to wait for her senior year.

"Since I was a little girl I have been wanting to be in the contest. My nana was one of the first Miss Richmond's," said Teltow. Her nana (her Aunt Shirley) has given her all kinds of advice for her to take with her to the stage. The biggest piece of advice that Teltow has encountered is to speak loud, clearly, properly and with explanation.

"The only public speaking I have done is in my classes," said Teltow. To prepare for the presentations she thinks about what she has to say and concentrates on the subject.

The girls have not received

any sample questions of questions they might hear the day of so practicing responses has become quite a task.

Some of the questions the girls are expecting to hear are questions about their families and what their plans are for the future after high school.

"I've mostly just practiced answering questions about myself, family, what I do during my free time and the people that inspire me," said Kuzatko.

Kuzatko has wanted to try out for Miss Richmond since she was a little girl and has been inspired by her best friend, aluminaus Haley Nicolopolis who was a part of the court last year.

"Haley has met so many new people and has gotten to participate in several events that has led her to really get too understand the city of Richmond," said Kuzatko.

Some of the qualities that the judges are looking for in contestants are responsibility, leadership qualities, friendliness, respect for others, outgoing personality and willingness to represent the town in a professional manner. Both girls are hoping to impress the judges with these traits that they both have during their two interviews before the

stage interview.

"I think I would be a good representative because I am outgoing, energetic, motivated and a perfectionist," said Teltow. "I like everything to be organized."

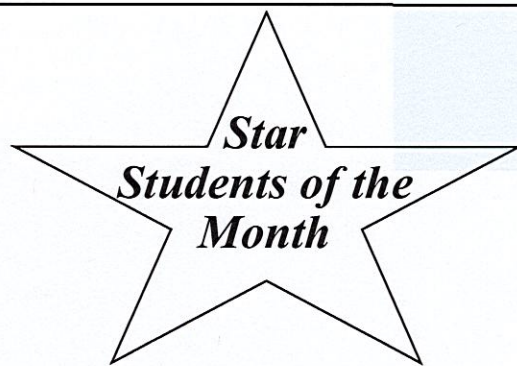
After graduation, Teltow plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to work towards a nursing degree. In her future, she wants to inspire young girls, especially her sisters because they are her best friends.

"I've grown up with my two younger sisters who look to me every day to be a role model and give advice. I hope to do the same for them as well as other kids if I win the contest," said Teltow.

Kuzatko plans to attend Wayne State or Michigan State to pursue a career in pediatrics. If Kuzatko wins the contest, she hopes to get more programs going for under privileged kids in the area.

"I want to start a program similar to Sandy's Kids but for something in our area," said Kuzatko. Sandy's kids is a program created to help the children and families that were sadly impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

The girls both hope to see all their fellow classmates at the contest for support.



Erik Haack



1. **Role Model:** His brother
2. **Greatest Accomplishment in high school:** Keeping his GPA up
3. **Favorite After School Activity:** Sports
4. **What Are you Most looking Forward to in high school?:** New Experiences



Madison Sabo



1. **Role Model:** Taylor Xerri
2. **Greatest Accomplishment in high school:** Not failing
3. **Favorite after school activity:** Softball
4. **What Are you Most looking Forward to in high school?:** Experiencing new things

Newspaper Class

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editing partner's.

We, also, have two people who are "specialty" editors.

Christina Thomas is Advertising Editor. She is in charge of our advertising page and making sure all of the businesses are pleased with their advertisements.

"It's pretty cool being the head of something and being able to take control of the things I'm responsible for," Thomas said.

Cecily McPherson is the Coordinating editor. She is the one who makes sure our paper

looks good. She checks all the borders, fonts, lines, numbers, and anything else that is on the pages. She also has to decide where everything will go.

McPherson said she gets stressed out when she has more than one article to write. "It can get challenging," the senior said.

There are so many different views to this class and we all come together to make one. Somehow, we all work together despite all of our differences.

The diversity makes for a pretty cool team that puts out quality material.

This class offers more than

what meets the eyes. It teaches each and every one of us life lessons and things we will carry with us for the rest of our lives.

Mr. Murphy puts a lot of pressure on us, but he's preparing us for the pressures of the real world. Overall, he makes the class so much more fun.

In all, we're not just a class, we're a family.

Photo of the Month



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