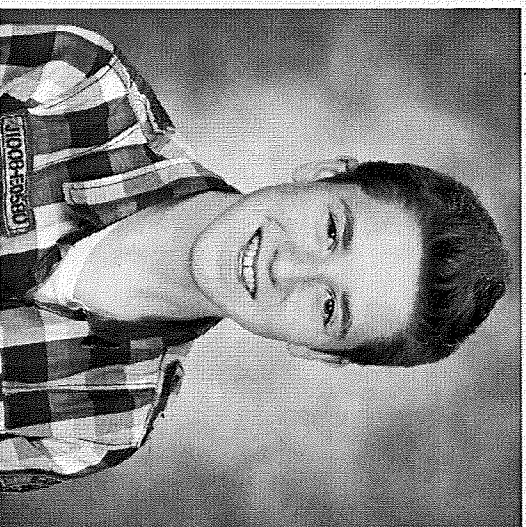


Star Students of the Month



Jaret Gil

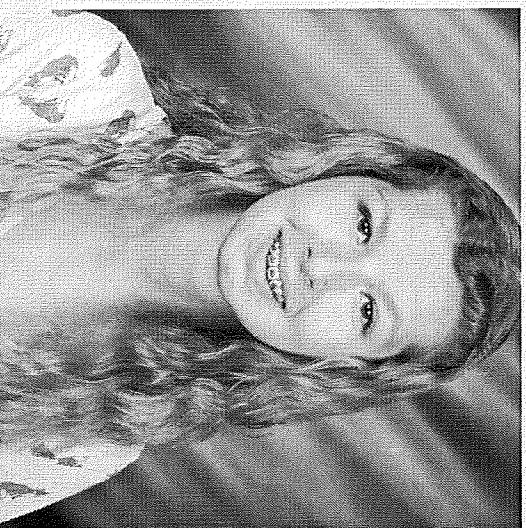
Favorite subject: US History

Favorite activity outside of school: Soccer and art

Role model: Dr. Ladd

Favorite thing about high school: The new art program with Mrs. Belf and Dr. Ladd's class

Goals: To go into video game design and animation



Rose Walgenbach

Favorite subject: English or history

Favorite activity outside of school: SADD

Role models: Her parents

Favorite thing learned in high school: To not care what others think

Goals: To go into a career that involves helping others

Meet The Moon

By: Lauren Duche
Staff writer

Strobe lights flashing, bass booming, and memories made. For these RHS students, this concert was a night to remember.

Lauren Maksymniuk and Chelsea Kattelman are familiar with the concert scene, meeting bands like New Politics and members of The Griswalds. On April 7 another band was added to that list: Walk the Moon.

"It was really interesting to meet them because it was both a private acoustic concert and a meet and greet," said Maksymniuk.

Kattelman and Maksymniuk won their tickets on a 98.7 Amp radio contest.

"I was out of town when Lauren won the tickets. When she won she called me screaming saying that we won," said Chelsea Kattelman.

They won the tickets the Saturday before the show and they both agree that it made their weekend.

When the day finally arrived, Kattelman and Maksymniuk arrived to the Fillmore four hours early and had to wait outside. In the rain.

"It was really cold and it was pouring rain but it was definitely worth it," said Maksymniuk.

The concert was unlike other concerts Maksymniuk or Kattelman had gone to so getting there early was a must.

"They were really interactive with the crowd. They talked to us and it made me feel like I was their friends and that I'd known them for years," Kattelman said.

The private concert was small. To go, you had to win the tickets.

"There were only about thirty people there and because it was an acoustic concert, it gave off a relaxing vibe," said Kattelman.

The band only played two songs before they

decided to answer some questions and take pictures.

Maksymniuk had another thing planned. A painting.

Maksymniuk has been painting for years and decided that it would be good exposure to give a painting she'd made to the band.

"The painting only took me about two days. I thought it would be cool if I could give them a portrait of themselves,"

The band was overjoyed when they received the painting.

"They were surprised that it looked so much like them," said Maksymniuk.

Maksymniuk and Kattelman weren't the only two that went to Walk the Moon. Sophomore, Mikala Evans, and Juniors Hannah and Sarah Budd were also in attendance.

Although Evans and the Budds didn't meet Walk the Moon, they met the band that opened for them: the Griswalds.

"I've always wanted to meet them so getting that opportunity was really exciting. Definitely something I will never forget," said Evans.

The three girls didn't win backstage passes or a private concert, they had actually communicated with the band via social media.

"They had talked to us several times on Twitter and getting to meet them in person was a really cool experience," said Evans.

The band announced where they would be after the concert. Mikala and the Budds jumped at the opportunity.

"Getting to meet a band is a once in a lifetime opportunity. If you get the chance you should jump at it," said Sarah Budd.

Evans did just that. She had been wanting to meet them for a while. Getting this chance was a dream come true.

"I've been listening to their music for a long time and meeting them is a moment I'll never forget," said Evans.

For these teens, it's not about the music. It's about the memories.

Once Upon A Dream

By: Haley Fortuna
Staff Writer

Once upon a time, there lived three young ladies who all had a dream to be part of Miss Richmond and her court. After lots and lots of preparation their dreams came true.

Lauren Riggs, a senior, was crowned Miss Richmond on March 15. Her court consists of Haley Nicolopoulos, also a senior, and Stephanie Graham, a junior.

Riggs has been anticipating the moment where she would be announced Miss Richmond for a long time and this moment has finally arrived.

"To prepare for the pageant, I had to create a well-written bio sheet; I went back and edited it a million times to get it perfect. I also practiced talking in front of people so I'd be well-prepared for the question portion of the event," said Riggs.

There were five categories for the maidens to compete in including private interview, evening gown and business wear. During business wear, contestants were to answer a fish bowl question. Unknowing which question they were to pull, the royalty-to-be was to pick a sheet of paper from the bowl and answer whatever question was written upon it.

Riggs said, "My fish bowl question was who my role model is. My response was my two younger sisters. That really won over the judges."

Familiar with being a princess, Riggs is ready to take on her role as Miss Richmond. She was Little Miss Richmond in 2003 and went on to compete in Little Miss Michigan. Taking sec-

ond runner-up, she felt accomplished.

Riggs also works for Enchanted Princess Ball, where she portrays many roles such as Alice from *Alice in Wonderland* and Cinderella.

"I love working with kids at my job. That's part of why I'm excited to be Miss Richmond. When Little Girls meet me, they feel like they're meeting a princess. I'm making little girl's dreams come true," said Riggs.

Miss Richmond is also familiar with the stage besides pageants. In the past, Riggs has been involved in theatre in the community. Most recently, Riggs has portrayed the role of Miss Adelaide in *Gypsy and Dolls* at the Community Theatre.

"Theatre really helped me with my stage presence. It comes natural now," Riggs said.

Having past stage experience was helpful to many contestants, including court member Stephanie Graham.

Graham has been involved in many theatrical productions including *Beauty and the Beast*, *Jr. as Belle* and *Urinetown* as Little Sally.

"I definitely think my theatre experience helped with this pageant. It gave me huge confidence on the stage," said Graham.

Graham is also familiar with the princess world. She works as a princess under Tea Party Castle.

"Being on court is a lot like my job because I can be myself for both. I can be polite and show the real me," said Graham.

Graham really enjoys being on court along with Riggs and Nicolopoulos.

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