

Photo by S. Hess.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

A SPOTLIGHT IS SHINED ON THE TECH CREW



"I think the catwalk [is the best place to go in the booth] because it's above everything, and you can see the whole stage."

ANNA DEARMORE, 09



IN THE LIMELIGHT.

by Rowyn Gwinn, Angel Hayden, Sophia Hess, and Jayden Lurtz

THE THESPIANS TAKE ON "THE LARAMIE PROJECT"

OCT. 3 - OCT. 16

Stepping away from light-hearted stories, "The Laramie Project" cast and crew took on the play's powerful, devastating story with empathy.

"The Laramie Project" told the story of Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student who was killed in 1998 because of his sexuality. The play explored the aftermath of this horrific event and its effects on Laramie, Wyoming and the community beyond.

The powerful performance challenged and brought sentimental feelings to not only the

audience, but also the actors. "I love dramatic acting because it requires vulnerability with the audience. In order to portray huge emotions, you really have to put your whole self on stage. It's scary, but ultimately really exciting," **LUCIA GRAVES, 11**, said.

HOPE MILLS, 12, portrayed the father of Matthew Shepard. "I just wanted to do justice to the words he was saying and bring his character to life. However, it was one of the best experiences that I've had. I felt very supported by all of the cast and direction," Mills said.



1. PERFORMING WITH INTENSE EMOTION, ANTHONY MONTAGUE, 12, AND LUCIA GRAVES, 11, take the spotlight. Having a past with dramatic roles, Graves shared her secret to success. "One really important element of dramatic acting is to show joy and perform the lighter parts of script honestly, so that when your character hits a low point or comes back from a low point, it's more impactful." Graves said. Photo by A. Evangelista. **2. WITH HIS HANDS IN FRONT OF HIS CHEST, MATTHIEU "MATT" HELAINE, 12**, creates a way to get the important message across to those watching the play, "The Laramie

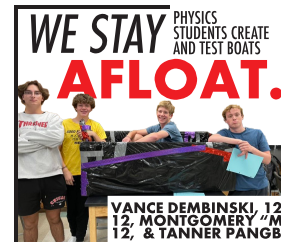


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"Building a boat was some of the most fun I've had inside the classroom. My friends and I got to joke around and actually get something productive done."

TANNER PANGBURN, 12

KATHRYN "KATE" VOGEL, 12, & KATELYN "KATIE" FIDLER, 12



"I had a lot of fun. I enjoyed the competitive environment and getting to show off what we built."

Photo by A. Evangelista



Project's" impactful message was challenging for many actors. "It was interesting figuring out how the messages needed to be conveyed in a way that respects the message, but gets the point across. It was really powerful and will remain one of my favorite characters for a while," Helaine said. Photo by A. Evangelista. **3. SETTING THE SCENE, AVA PROHITT, 09**, narrates the play. "The Laramie Project" was based on a true story, a fact that actors had to keep in mind while portraying their characters. Photo by A. Evangelista.



4. IN THE MIST OF AN EMOTIONAL SCENE, TRAVIS CLEMENT, 11, FACES JORDAN FREDERICKS, 10, on stage. Many of the characters of "The Laramie Project" wore muted colors to highlight the serious topics discussed by the play. Photo by A. Evangelista. **5. OVERCOME WITH REMOSE, MANUEL "TREY" PEREZ, 11**, leans on **HOPE MILLS, 12**. "The Laramie Project" addressed serious themes. "It was a pretty daunting role to play, but I knew if I did enough research on the people and practiced, I could play them well," Perez said. Photo by A. Evangelista.

START YOUR ENGINES.

STUDENTS IN THE "U.S. HISTORY THROUGH CARS" CLASS ORGANIZE THE ANNUAL CAR SHOW

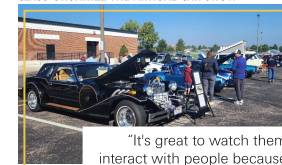


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"It's great to watch them interact with people because car folks there just want to talk to you about their cars."

JEREMY HAWTHORNE, SOCIAL STUDIES DEPT.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY IN CLASS?

"I love it when we do group projects where we can do artsy things. We did a few in history class last year and I think it worked out well."
GRACE PATTON, 11

"Something like a group work project because you get to work with people and collaborate."
CASEY JONES, 11

"I loved Horror Lit because we watched movies and did deep analysis of how those movies created fear."
WESTON MARLIN, 11

"I like doing group projects because I like making things look nice and working with my friends."
CHARLOTTE KIRALY, 09

"I really liked the lab in chemistry, the colored flames lab, because it was really engaging, and I understood how it directly related to what we were learning."
KYLEE COLLINS, 11

"My favorite activity in class is playing Kahoot in Spanish because I love to learn."
KIP CLERIHUE, 11

"I really liked doing the 12 minute swim in swim class because we got to [listen to] music and some of the lights were turned off."
BRIANA SERNA GARCIA, 11

"Probably messing around with Mr. Thurmond. He is very interesting and loves connecting with his students."
XANDER BARKER, 11

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