

# The Howl

## HBO Vice visit Impacts Journalism & Video Media Students



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Pictured above is 2019 Video Media/Journalism Class and the HBO producer Amanda Pisetzner and film crew

by: 2019 Journalism Class

On Thursday March 21, the HBO film crew and producer carved time from their busy schedule to visit the Shelby High School Video Media and Journalism class. The group spent time answering questions, critiquing student broadcast videos, and explaining their jobs. Several students from the class said this experience changed their view of video media production as well as provokes an interest in pursuing a degree or career in either film or journalism.

HBO followed MSU interns around the classrooms and conducted interviews with teachers at Shelby Schools to explore the problem of teacher recruitment in rural schools. After 5 days of filming, the team produced a documentary titled "Rural America is Running out of Teachers." Although their primary purpose wasn't to speak to the Video Media and Journalism class, this unique opportunity gave the students a chance to see how a notable media group plans, writes, and films news.

Junior, Laith Benhammou said he learned that there is a lot of detail in the filming process. "I learned how everything was setup. The depth and axis of the cameras is really important. Also, I learned that while prepping for film, they can spend hours preparing a room even though they might never get it perfect."

Other students also learned from the process of setting up for an interview. "They described the video production process and let us watch them set up an interview with a Filipino elementary teacher. I learned

about how they position the camera and set up lighting." said senior Kaylee Appley.

Kristi Calvery, one of the Video Media and Journalism teachers, said that the question and answer period with Pisetzner and the film crew was an impactful learning experience. "Students who are learning about writing, filming, and editing, were able to hear what it is like to film and produce news videos for HBO in a tangible way." She said their video critiques encouraged students to elevate the quality of the newscasts they are producing.

Tyler Larson, another student in the Video Media and Journalism class, said "I learned that if you are interested in going into filming, you should start early and make your own short films."

Multiple students said they would consider pursuing a career or degree in film or media. One of those students, Benhammou, was inspired enough to change his college plans.

"I always had an interest in film because I've taken classes and filmed events, but nothing sparked the amount of joy and excitement I felt like the experience of that week. I could really see myself filming as a career. I now have a better appreciation for the amount of detail that goes into film." Benhammou said he plans to pursue a degree in film with a minor in drama. Right now he is considering attending college at MSU Bozeman.

### FYI

If you would like to see the news story HBO vice produced from their time filming at Shelby Schools, you can search: **Rural America Is Running Out Of Teachers (HBO) on Youtube .**

# Students Travel to East Coast

By: Alexis McCracken and Tyler Larson

During April 14th-22nd, 19 kids from the junior and senior class traveled to the east coast for the annual Explore America trip. The group was gone a total of 9 days visiting Washington D.C., Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. Throughout the trip, the students saw famous monuments and buildings and learned about many major events that occurred in American history. Mary Sanchez said they were also able to see a live Broadway production called "Beautiful" which is a Carole King musical.

To experience this trip, students fundraised around \$4,000 with some raising additional funds for spending money. Lucas Frethem said the group worked concessions for school activities to fund-raise money. In addition, students raised money through gun raffles, bake sales, or etc.

Students left Montana on Sunday the 14th and landed in Washington. The group was in each city for around 3 days, and many events happened that the group still laughs about, such as junior Josh Buck falling in the reflection pool. Many students were surprised at the size and location of the White House.

Senior Cheyenne Kline said, "My favorite part was running around on our free time." She said this is an experience that you wouldn't want to miss. Junior, Maura Barnes, said, "My favorite place to visit was Times Square in New York." The students who went on the trip all advise that future students definitely go on this trip.



## Roselas Embraces New Position

By: Brittany Moore and Matthew Riehl

Irish Roselas was recruited to teach at Shelby High School mid-school year. She arrived recently from a small town called Cagayan de Oro City, in the Philippines. Previously, she taught middle school and high school special education for 11 years, and she said she wanted to become an international teacher to gain new experiences in the United States. Roselas said she looked at several school options in places like Chicago, but she ultimately chose Shelby based on the recommendation of other Phillipino teachers who teach at Shelby.

"Shelby High School has a lot to offer to me, and I believe that this school will equip me to become an efficient special education teacher," she said. Roselas said that one of the things that she looks forward to the most is the availability of technology that wasn't available in the Philippines. She said "The technology offers an advantage when teaching and when students are learning."

In addition to wanting to become a better teacher, she also said she wanted to experience a different culture. She is



learning to eat some of the foods that she has never had before, like her favorites, cheeseburgers and chicken nuggets. Shelby is becoming her home away from home. "I love the community, people, students, teachers, and everything here. I feel very welcome," she said.

Back home in the Philippines, Roselas has a husband and two kids who she hopes can join her soon. Welcome Mrs. Rosales.

## Shelby Drama Students

### "Kill" Murder Mystery Play

By: Kaylee Appley and Brianna Hurley



On April 10th and 11th, the theatre students who participated in the school play put on a spectacular production of a 1950s murder mystery called D.O.A. The play, written by Elizabeth Lovelady, was about businessman Frank Bigelow, who while on vacation, was mysteriously poisoned. Frank Bigelow worked tirelessly throughout the play to find the identity of the person who poisoned him.

The play was directed by Rikki Bleeker, a former Shelby High School student and drama lover. "Rikki worked really hard to make the play the best it could be, and pushed past many obstacles to ensure that it was a success," said Hannah Nelson, who notably played Paula in the play.

"Participating in the school play can be a great way to break out of your shell and become more confident in your everyday life," said Hannah. There are many skills to be learned from participating in any kind of production. These skills include public speaking, interior design, and fashion. Michael Sanchez, the lead in the play, said, "The school play is a great opportunity for everyone and can create friendships and memories that will last for a lifetime."

This play was free to watch; however, the cast asked for free will donations and sold drinks and freshly popped popcorn for \$1. According to Bleeker the play raised \$450 for the theater program.