

Sarah King, artist in waiting!

By Maddie Richardson
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Sophomore Sarah King is an amazing artist. She has been drawing almost her whole life. She started off by finger painting when she was 6 years-old; eventually, that led to her drawing. Drawing is one of King's biggest passion. Some of her favorite things to draw include characters from movies, wolves and horses.

"Her artwork is as good as any and is marvelous once the work is actually completed," King's art teacher, Ken Spiering said.

For King, drawing is a way for her to express feeling. When she is in a bad mood, she especially likes to draw.

"Like most people, I like to express my feelings with something I love and am good at," explained King. "I love taking my drawings and hanging them all over my room. My room is full of them! I also love to try new styles of drawings and get out of my comfort zone."

Her classmates also think her ability is amazing.

"Her artistic ability is completely rad," said freshman Rachael Boyd. Horses are one of King's favorite subjects to sketch

Her friends think she is a talented artist and thinks she should continue on with drawing.

"She is completely amazing," added freshman Rachael Underwood. "I don't know how she does it."

For many people, drawing is hard or they may have the ability, but choose not to use it. But for King, it is a natural-born talent. She both loves to draw and is very talented.

King said that if she were to continue with her artistic ability, she would rather go into acting then continue drawing. She said that she would not have the patience to be an actual artist which is why she would major in theater.

Drawing is not the only artistic medium King enjoys; she also likes making pottery, abstract paintings and just doodling whenever she can.

King's longest painting took two days, and she enjoyed the way it turned out afterwards.

King loves to draw and paint. Drawing is and always will be a passion for her.



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Sarah and one of her newest creations Jack Sparrow.



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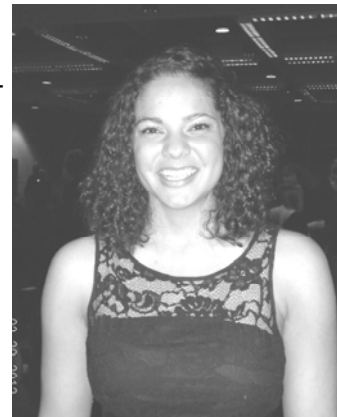
Burton shines in WMEA Choir concert

By Danette Garcia
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Outstanding music students from across Washington received top honors by being selected to participate in one of Washington Music Educators Association's (WMEA) 2012 All-State performing

groups. Senior Tori Burton joined other WMEA high school student musicians in Yakima, February 17-20. She and the other musicians were selected through auditions to participate in this event.

These outstanding WMEA All-State musicians from Washington rehearsed and performed in concert under the direction of world-renowned conductors. Burton participated in the All-State Treble Choir under the direction of Edith A. Copley, professor and director of Choral Studies at Northern Arizona University.



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Burton (3rd row, 5th from the left) sings with other choral singers participating in All-state.

New Superintendent, great addition to Freeman community

By Maddie Keebler
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Randy Russell, the new superintendent of Freeman Schools, is beginning his first year with us. He hasn't been here very long, but he has made an impact this year. Some of his goals this year are to build relationships with the students, staff, parents, and the community. Russell wants to learn as much as he can about Freeman. He really wants to get to know each member of the community and find out how he can be apart of the solution for continuous improvement.

Russell graduated from Whitworth College. He spent 6 years working as an Activities Athletic Director and as an Assistant Principal at Spokane Public Schools. Before coming to

Freeman, Russell was the principal at Coeur d'Alene High School for five years.

Growing up, Russell did not know that he wanted to be a superintendent. He believes he is very fortunate to have ended up in education. He loves working with the student, staff, and parents.

Russell was born on September 29, 1966 in Sydney, Montana. Russell has four children. His eldest daughters, Emily(16) and Megan (14), live with their mom in Kalispell, Montana. His children with wife Shauna, Ryan, a second

grader, and Rylie, a three and a half year-old, go to school here in Freeman. His family loves being at Freeman.

"The Freeman community has been so great, and really made all of us feel welcome," said Russell.

What does Mr. Russell do in his free time? He loves being involved with his children's activities. Whether concerts, sports games, or church activities, he loves it all.

His favorite sport to play is golf, and he likes to go camping and read. His favorite sports teams are the Boston Celtics, the Dallas Cowboys, and the Cincinnati



Photo by Maddie Keebler

Randy Russell settles in quickly to life in the Freeman School District.

nati Reds. Russell and his family have already been fixtures at Freeman events, whether taking in a basketball game or wrestling tournament, or listening to the latest music department offering.

The Russell's feel very welcome here at Freeman thanks to the friendliness of the community. Russell even got a nice welcome from former Superintendent Sergio Hernandez, who helped Russell with his transition into his new position over the summer.

"It feels awesome to be apart of the Freeman Family," Russell said. "The people are very positive and welcoming. Everyone is so caring, and they really look out for one another. It is very evident that the staff, students, and community have pride in their schools."

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FCCLA qualifies 2 for state competition

By Jennifer Fees
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February 8, three members of Freeman's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competed at the Region 10 STAR Events (Students Taking Action With Recognition). They each did a fantastic job in their catagories.

Junior Brette Schmidlkofer competed in an event called Fashion Design. She developed a clothing line called IZZY by Design. Schmidlkofer created a portfolio that showed her label for her designs, outlined her intended market, included sketches for 6 designs for her clothing line, decided how she would sell her designs, and discussed her career options. She also

created one article from her clothing line. Schmidlkofer was judged on her portfolio, presentation using her portfolio, and her designed and created garment. She received a GOLD rating which earned her a spot to compete in Wenatchee for the State STAR Event Competition and Leadership Conference.

Freshman Lexi Saeger competed in an event called Recycle Redesign. She called her event "From Recycle to Upcycle." She designed and made a complete outfit out of feed bags (dog food bags were used for a skirt, and cat food bags for the top). Saeger then accessorized with pop tab jewelry. She created a tri-fold board that showcased a planning process, sketches of her design, and the cost sheet. She was judged on her portfolio, sewn outfit and her presentation. Saeger also received a GOLD



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Freeman's FCCLA competed and helped to judge events at Spokane's Masonic Temple.

rating, qualifying her for state.

Sophomore Beth Primmer competed in job interview. She created a portfolio with a cover letter, résumé, letters of recom-

mendation, career-related education, educational enhancement opportunities, and special skills. Primmer's event began with time to fill out an application. She next completed an interview where she showcased her portfolio. Finally, Primmer had an exit section where she created a thank you letter. Primmer scored a SILVER rating.

FCCLA relies on students to not only compete but evaluate. Each event is evaluated by 3 evaluators (2 students and 1 adult). We also utilize the students as facilitators where they either time or are the clerk for their event. A big thank you goes out to freshmen Anna Jackson and Hanna Watkins, sophomore Tori Keizer, and senior Lindsey Nordby for their help in making the 2012 FCCLA Region 10 STAR Events a huge success!

The State STAR Events will take place in Wenatchee, March 21-23. Good luck at state Brette and Lexi!



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Brette Schmidlkofer, Lexi Saeger, and Beth Primmer show off their projects before competing in the FCCLA Regional STAR Events.

Freeman student gets full-ride scholarship to GU

By Madi Groves
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When Senior Josiah Lara found out that he got a full-ride scholarship to Gonzaga University, he had no clue how much his life would change. Lara currently lives in Valleyford and has a family of 15 including his mom and his dad.

"Joey was super excited," said Lara's brother, freshman Jesse Lara. "He was jumping up and down, and he told every person he saw. He was the first one who got this successful in college."

Gonzaga awarded Lara the Act Six scholarship, a full-tuition, full-need based scholarship. Lara's scholarship will pay for his tuition, room and board, and for most of his personal needs such as textbooks. During Lara's four years at GU, his scholarship will cover about \$180,000 worth of tuition and expenses.

The state-wide goal is to award scholarship and leadership for multicultural students, so they can bring it back to their community. Lara was one of four Gonzaga students to be chosen from a pool of over 1,000 applicants. Recipients were chosen for their distinctive leadership, academic potential, and commitment to making a difference in their communities.

The Act Six develops leaders through a

simple four-step strategy. First, they recruit and select diverse, multicultural students from Washington's most promising emerging leaders. Second, they train and prepare this group of students in the year before college to help them to support each other. Third, they send and fund the teams together to select students in the Northwest on four-year, full-tuition, and full-need scholarships. Fourth, they support and inspire by providing strong campus support and ongoing leadership to development of the young students to grow into the next generation of community leaders.

"[The scholarship is an] amazing opportunity," said Josiah Lara. "It's a great thing to show my younger siblings they can achieve their goals."

Lara's many achievements in leadership and academics are part of why he

stood out from other Act Six applicants. Some of the things that he has done in his community were being FBLA president and director of AWANA for the Sparky Club. Lara is also a three-year member of Freeman's National Honor Society, was the junior class president, and is the current yearbook editor-in-chief.

At GU, Lara plans to study political science, philosophy, and law. These classes can bring him to great achievements in the world. In the future, Lara wants to be the President of the United States. He chose Gonzaga because only Whitworth and Gonzaga offered the Act Six, which was his original scholarship of choice.

Lara's achievement is a perfect example for the Freeman community of how hard work can pay off. If kids can find their own path, they can lead themselves to a better life. Lara's future will undoubtedly hold great adventures as he takes what he gains at GU and gives back to his community.



Photo courtesy of Josiah Lara