

A New World for Laconia Theater

Submitted by Laconia Drama Club Advisor and Play Director Leah Demski

Theater is alive and well in the time of covid! Last year's productions may have been cut short, but your Drama Club is working hard to bring theater back to Laconia. This year, we will be presenting a musical in the spring, directed by Jenn Leahy, and a play in the fall.

The fall play will be *Quaran-Teens* written by Laurie Allen and directed by Leah Demski. This powerful collection of 15 original monologues explores a variety of teen responses to the pandemic and the safer-at-home restrictions that came with it. From restoring old friendships and keeping traditions alive to missing baseball, graduation, prom, and so much more, each monologue offers a unique, true-to-life point of view of this real-world crisis. *Quaran-Teens* celebrates the resiliency of teens, who, despite feeling lonely and sacrificing their own special moments, maintain an element of hope for a brighter future.

In order to keep everyone safe, our process for this production has been a little different. Auditions were held virtually, with actors-to-be sending in videos of themselves reciting a portion of a monologue from the show. Rehearsals are all done one-on-one or via Google Meet. Instead of a live show, the production will be filmed. All recording sessions are also one-on-one to limit risk as much as possible.

When every monologue has been filmed, Mrs. Demski will put it all together into a seamless show that will be approximately an hour long. DVDs (or flash drives) will be sold instead of tickets, so theater patrons can enjoy the show from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

DVD and flash drive orders will be taken November 2nd to the 24th, and orders will be filled after the Thanksgiving break. Orders will be payable either at time of order or on receipt of purchase. To order, please see a member of the cast, listed below, or email Mrs. Demski at demslea@rbsd.k12.wi.us. Thank you for supporting the arts and Laconia Theater!

Quaran-Teens cast members include: Sierra Bohlman, Maddy Borski, Makayla Brewington, Myles Hensel, Faith Paine, Conner Pollock, Zoey Popp, Autumn Schroeder, Harmony Snellenberger, Ben Swayze, George Wager, and Rhaiyana Way.

Quaran-TEENS
Dramatic Teen Perspectives on the Pandemic
BY LAURIE ALLEN
Directed by Leah Demski

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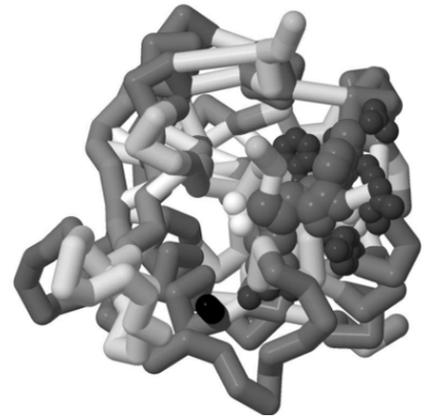
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SMART and MAPS

Submitted by Josh Demski

Many things have changed since last March. The sudden appearance of Covid 19 interrupted many sports and clubs; including the SMART(Students Modeling A Research Topic) team. Last March, the SMART team had just completed their collaboration with Dr. Ken Brockman PhD. of the medical college of Wisconsin and was preparing to present our model of M1.HypAVI. M1.HypAVI is a methyltransferase protein involved in ear infections. The model highlighted the structure and function relationship of this protein as it exists in the bacteria *Haemophilus influenzae*. Even though the SMART team never got a chance to present their work, the 2019/2020 SMART team is proud of their work and their model is on display in the cabinets across from Laconia High School room 207. Stop by and check it out when you have a chance.

This year, due to changes at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, the SMART team will be transitioning to the MAPS(Modeling a Protein Story) team. We will still be researching proteins and making models to connect protein structure and function. However for the first time the MAPS team will be 3D printing their own models in house. The team plans to set up a 3D print shop at Laconia. This exciting new change will open up new learning opportunities for MAPS members. If you are interested in becoming a MAPS member or in donating to MAPS please contact Mr. Demski at demsjos@rbsd.k12.wi.us.



A 3-D model of M1.HypAVI (5HFJ) created by: Gwyneth Bauer, Alexis Coffeen, Bella Geisthardt, Avry Henning, Myles Hensel, Monica Lalor, Mitchell Ludtke, Brianna Pflum, Lailah Schuldt, Chloe Smith, Cora Williams, and Eve Williams, using Jmol software.

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