

FEATURES



RHS past and present

Nick Juncaj Class of 2011

Mycah Goodwin Staff Reporter

We have the honor of receiving first-hand access to the life of one of our RHS alumni, varsity volleyball coach Nick Juncaj. He graduated in 2011 and chose to come back to change the volleyball program and make a difference. He

has been coaching the team for 6 years. During his spare time—which is anytime he is not playing or coaching volleyball—Juncaj works as a manager at a restaurant in Farmington Hills. As a high school coach, presumably one of the hardest moments is letting your players go once they graduate.

"It has its ups and downs definitely, but I like it, and when their four years are up, it gets a little hard. Yet, it is nice to see new faces since coaching the same girls all the time can get a little hectic," Juncaj said. As his athletes graduate, he still keeps in touch to see what they are up to and how life is treating them.

Juncaj was taught by one of his favorite teachers, Sarah Drouin, English and journalism teacher. She helped him pursue his interest in journalism, in which he eventually obtained his position as Editor-in-Chief his senior year, along with some important academic tips and life skills.

Juncaj says that the high school years are critical, despite the many challenges that the typical teenager may face. "Being an adult is better; you are in control of your life, your own responsibilities, and you can do your own thing," he said RHS is proud to have such a well-rounded volleyball coach for our Panthers, and even prouder to call him one of their own.



Coach Juncaj during a match with Warren Woods Tower.

Freshman Amelia Borys

Alexis Hoffmeyer Staff Reporter

RHS freshman Amelia Borys participates in many activities both in and out of school. At school, she is a member of Drama Society and Dazzle show choir. She also plays the French horn for the marching band.

Outside of school, she is a part of the Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus. The chorus gives her an opportunity to show her true talent and be a part of a once-in-a-lifetime group. She learned about it from her church director, and has been a member for four years. She practices for two to three hours every Monday night.

In her free time, Borys loves playing guitar. She has been playing for five years and is hoping to continue in the future. Borys is a soprano, which is the highest vocal part for singers. She strives to be the best she can be every day.

"I like choir because it is a way to express yourself through words and music," Borys said.

Borys continues to become motivated by her parents and peers. She loves what she does and hopes to go into engineering. She wants to go to college for design career at the Michigan Technology Institution.



Alexis Hoffmeyer

Rebekah Witt Class of 2014

Chelsea Bacci Section Editor

Rebekah Witt is a photographer and graphic designer and also an alumna from the class of 2014. Witt is 22 years old and currently attends Macomb Community College (MCC). She has also been working at MCC as a lab technician for about six months, as a photographer for Veracious magazine for over a year, and at the Detroit Zoo for



Rebekah Witt

Rebekah Witt poses for a picture.

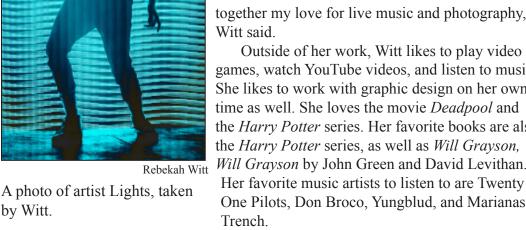
eight months. Veracious is a magazine based around artists and their concerts, along with crews on the road, seeing from the eye of both artists and audiences.

"I love everything about concert photography. I love capturing the passion from musicians and fans and I love making cool things when editing the photos. At the zoo, I love taking pictures of the customers, and I love talking to the families and their kids," Witt said.

Witt has been doing photography for around 10 years and has been attending concerts since she was around 15 years old. The two combined into her passion, and as she improved, she realized it could be a career opportunity.

"It was a dream come true for me to be able to mash together my love for live music and photography,"

Outside of her work, Witt likes to play video games, watch YouTube videos, and listen to music. She likes to work with graphic design on her own time as well. She loves the movie *Deadpool* and the Harry Potter series. Her favorite books are also the Harry Potter series, as well as Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green and David Levithan. Her favorite music artists to listen to are Twenty One Pilots, Don Broco, Yungblud, and Marianas



Witt is also a Panther Prowl alumna. As part of her graduating class, she acted as a graphic designer for the staff. She edited photos and designs for the stories of other Prowl staff members. She also painted a mural with fellow class of 2014 alumna Rachel Wieske. The mural, originally by Chuck Close, can be found upstairs next to room B217.

You can find more of Witt's photography at www.rebekahwitt.com or on her Instagram page @bekwittt.

Senior Lauren Orler

Sanaa Griggs Staff Reporter

Lauren Orler is a senior who has been playing soccer for 13 years. She has been on the varsity soccer team since freshman year. She has wanted to go to Adrian College since freshman

year, and was recently accepted. When Orler goes to college, she plans to play soccer, and either become a sports medicine physician or an aquatic therapist.

Orler has made many accomplishments in high school, such as district and all-state titles in soccer. She has been playing the drums in marching band for five years now, but does not plan to pursue music while attending college. Orler has been playing basketball for seven years, and she is planning on joining the girls' basketball team this season. In her free time, she is either playing soccer or working as a soccer referee. "I started playing soccer because I am good at it and I wanted to experience it." Orler said.



Lauren Orler during a game against Center Line.

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