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Sara Stark is named 2019 RHS Teacher of the Year

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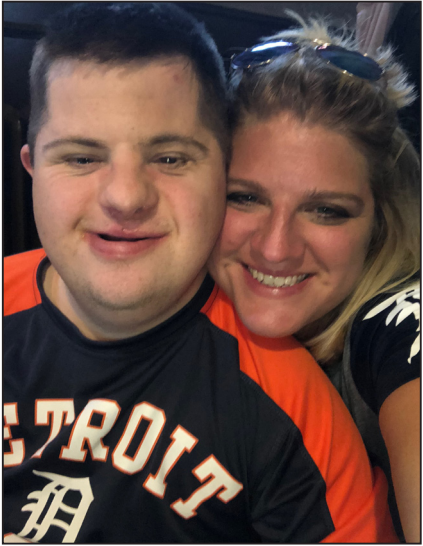
Special education teacher Sara Stark began her

teaching career in Roseville Community Schools working at Roseville Middle School, and after two years, came to RHS to instruct students with disabilities to learn at a pace that suits them while in the high school environment. Stark has taught at RHS for 10 years, and has been recently presented with the honor of Teacher of the Year, nominated by her peers along with the student body.

When principal Patrick Adams presented Stark with her award, she was in disbelief, and then suddenly when she realized he was not joking, she was overwhelmed with honor.

“I am proud to say I nomi-

nated her because she is so deserving and works tirelessly to help each student become an individual adult,” assistant principal Monica Gabriel said.



Sara Stark

Teacher of the year Sara Stark and her brother, Danny, are both Tigers fans.

Stark has a younger brother, Danny Cowan, who she uses as inspiration due to having Down Syndrome. Stark was always willing to give that extra help, it had become second nature working with people with a disability.

Throughout the day, Stark has roughly 28 students come in and out of her room, and due to this, she is able to build special relationships

and tend to each student’s individual needs. Stark ensures that students receive a curriculum tailored to them; every student will be working on one assignment, but each student is focused on accomplishing a different

task within the assignment.

“When people ask me about my kids, I usually have to wonder if they are talking about my students or my two little ones at home,” Stark jokingly said.

Stark has two children of her own, Nathan, 8, and Samantha, 5, with her husband, Nick. Being a mother of two kids adds to Stark’s experiences with children and tough situations.

Stark will continue to perform her successful teaching methods, and says this award is just a pat on the back for everything she does. She will continue to expand her program in the special education department.

However, Stark does more than teach; she helps her students run a laundry room which also washes athletic gear for all athletes and culinary art students. Stark believes it is best to keep the money in the school, so instead of taking dirty aprons along with sweaty jerseys to a company, she will be getting her students involved in this process.

When Stark is not cleaning aprons and jerseys she enjoys going to baseball games with her brother, Danny, and younger sister, Kaitlyn, or just about anyone in her fam-

ily considering she is a huge Tigers fan. She has always loved the sport of baseball, even playing softball at Kimball High School, now Royal Oak High School. Stark is excited to see her daughter take interest in the sport recently beginning tee-ball. Stark usually entertains herself during summer by camping with her family, spending nearly 60 days through the summertime at various campsites, crocheting alongside her mother.

“I could not do what I do without the village I have helping me; it is hard for me to say this is my award because there are so many people that help. Adams has put so much trust in me and worked with me every step of the way; not a day goes by where I don’t receive help from at least one staff member,”

Stark said.

She loves the bond she is fortunate to form with each and every student and believes it is a core reason she is allowed to do what she does at the level she does it. After being presented with this recognition Stark hopes to continue improving her skills and reaching out to many children every year. “The job she has is so important and it is amazing she is getting the recognition for it. I have a special needs daughter so I know how difficult it can be,” school security officer Tom Guswiler said.

Stark loves her job and will continue to use her brother and the smiles of the students she works with everyday as a driving force to become better and change the culture at RHS for the better.



Sara Stark

Stark has a loving support system, seen here with husband, Nick, and children, Samantha and Nathan.

Roseville gets razzled and dazzled by Drama Society’s *Chicago*

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At the beginning of every school

year, Drama Society always plans ahead about what kinds of shows they want to put on for the school year. Back in October, they put on a play called *Ghost Hunt* which was their first performance with choir teacher Kristina Collins, who had just taken over as the advisor for Drama Society. It was a

Roseville has ever seen. As the musical came closer and closer, there were more posters and advertisements being put up in the school, and everyone was getting excited for opening night. The musical was performed on Feb. 21 and 22.

Whether you went during opening night or the very next night, *Chicago* was extraordinary. When a high school puts on a musical, usually it is amazing, but there are always

love from the students radiated throughout the theater, and it made the atmosphere exciting. The musical was so brilliant that it made the audience go through a great deal of emotions. It was a whirlwind of a musical, but the cast put it on perfectly.

Each night began with the option to pay extra and be treated to a meal at L.B. Williams’ restaurant made by our own hospitality students. Guests had an option between Italian sausage and pasta, pasta marinara, and Chicago style pizza. Mocktails were also available for an extra cost, including the Cell Block Mango (mango juice and Sprite), Shirley Temple (Sprite and grenadine), and a Stiff Upper Lip (cherry flavored cola). Guests were also treated to a show before the show. Teachers Craig Nowicki and Tom Vocke played the part of 1920’s policemen, who came and “arrested” Collins’ parents for “illegal alcohol.” Guests were entertained by the performance, and laughs were shared all around.

On both nights of the musical, when the doors opened up at 6 p.m., the auditorium filled up with excited musical goers and families of the cast members. The entire audience was lively and chattering about how they were excited about finally seeing the musical because of all of the advertisements that they saw about *Chicago*. When the clock hit 7:00, Collins came over the



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Senior Cody Quiroz, who played Billy Flynn, and the rest of the cast posing after their performance of “Razzle Dazzle”.



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Senior Kaelyn Kowalski performing the song “Roxie” as Roxie Hart while being surrounded by other dancers that came out halfway during the performance to add more action to the scene.

success, and soon after it ended, they started to plan their biggest performance of the year, *Chicago*. The musical was directed by Emile Rhoton, a Roseville alumni, and Daniel Wise. They put so much effort and practice into this musical, and the students gave all of their free time for the past couple of months to make this the best musical that

mistakes and errors that make you remember it is performed by high schoolers. With *Chicago*, the entire time that any cast member was onstage, they were all professional, and it felt like a Broadway performance. Everyone stayed in character the entire time and were dedicated to their roles. Sitting in the audience, the passion and

speaker to announce the pre-show act which included young kids from Roseville elementary schools that did a performance with the main characters Roxie Hart, played by senior Kaelyn Kowalski, Velma Kelly, played by sophomore Riley Joyner, and Billy Flynn, played by senior Cody Quiroz. All of the kids were dressed up in 1920’s clothes and were ecstatic when they were performing.

After the pre-show act, the curtains were closed and the stage was set up for the first scene. Once those curtains opened, the entire audience was brought back to the jazz era of the 1920s that *Chicago* is set in. The opening scene started with the song “And All That Jazz” and immediately they sounded like professional Broadway performers. Joyner sounded amazing during her solo parts of the song and was not afraid to belt her voice. As the show

went on, it kept getting better and better. The musical numbers were full of dancing and singing that showed off all of the various talents that the entire cast has. From the power that the six merry murderers brought to the stage during the “Cell Block Tango” to the circus like performance that was put on during “Razzle Dazzle”, it was a sensational performance put on by hardworking and dedicated students.

“We have worked insanely hard on this production. For all the work that we have put into it, and compared to our past productions, this has been the best one! I feel extremely proud of our cast as a whole and our hard work has paid off,” Kowalski said. She went on to thank Collins for sponsoring the musical and Wise and Rhoton for directing. She said that without them, this musical could have never happened.

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