Volleyball Season Closer

The Lady Sharks varsity volleyball team finishes off their season at 12-3. After an impressive win against Durant in the District semi-finals, the Sharks came up just short against Newsome in the District finals match Wednesday. They won the first two sets, 25-18 and 25-21, but lost the last three by close margin. Pamela DeJesus had an impressive 19 kills, followed by Maya Sharp and Angela West, each with 11. Coach Adams stated, “Our chemistry, composure, and teamwork kept us going until the final seconds. When that’s on point, we’re unbeatable. When that’s lacking, we get beat. I’m proud how the girls stuck together, played hard, and cleaned up minor errors.” His favorite part of the season was “…seeing the team grow together, watching individuals’ talent progress and shine through.” Coach Adams closes off the season with some advice to “Always stay aggressive and never give up!”

By: Ariella Smith

The Sharks move to 7-1 with Friday’s win against Strawberry Crest. The Sharks defense kicked off the game with dominance. Marcus Carey returned an interception all the way to the endzone for a pick six. Shortly after, Stephane Norceide had a fumble recovery and returned it for a touchdown, putting the sharks ahead, 14-3. Extending the lead further, JJ Johnson returned a punt all the way down the field for a Shark touchdown. Mason Burriss tacked on another touchdown with a four-yard run after Aaron Turner converted a huge 30-yard pass to Julian Arthurs. The Sharks finished with 85 passing yards, 128 rushing yards, and five touchdowns. The Sharks look ahead to their Homecoming match against the Durant Cougars.

By: Jailyn Spady
In the play, Marco took on the role of Godfrey, one of the teen robots at the high school. His favorite scene in the show was the gym scene, because it was a funny scene that brought a lot of laughter to the audience. Preparing for the role of a robot posed its own challenges. Marco had to really get into the mindset of the character and think about how a robot would act and behave. It was a unique experience that allowed him to explore his creativity and bring something special to the role. Working on this play has only fueled his passion for theater even more. The more time and effort he puts into his craft, the better he becomes. It’s a constant learning process, and he has grown so much through this experience. He hopes that the audience takes away the message of appreciating the positive moments in life and finding a balance between worries and joys. Life will always have its challenges, but there will also always be something good to look forward to. For aspiring actors wanting to get involved in theater, Marco advises being bold and never giving up. Rejections may come, but it’s important to stay dedicated, keep honing skills, and never lose sight of the passion for acting. He was drawn to audition for this play because he has always been a big fan of theater. Whenever an opportunity arises to be a part of something he loves, he jumps at the chance. Bringing characters to life and telling stories on stage is an incredible feeling for him.

Lena played Danny, a stereotypical theater kid in the play, and some of her favorite scenes involved ping pong and a kiss between two AI characters. While preparing for the role, she faced external stresses with two essays due. Portraying Danny’s immaturity was challenging for Lena as she usually carries herself as calm and mature. But the experience was impactful, as it deepened Lena’s passion for theater, thanks to the supportive cast and crew. For new actors, she recommends envisioning the character, walking in their shoes, and making the role their own. This approach allows for a deeper connection and a more authentic performance. Lena auditioned for the play because she wanted a lead role after four years in theater. She was also inspired by the fall shows and the previous production of "Puffs" in 2021. She hopes the audience takes away the lesson of embracing and accepting people, even if they seem different or "weird."

Hailey had the technical role of the lighting director while. She meticulously planned out the lighting design for each scene, ensuring that the lights would perfectly complement the mood and atmosphere. Among all the scenes, her absolute favorites were scene 6 and scene 10, where the lighting effects truly shined. However, there were some challenges along the way. The base of the set was not completed until the week before the play, which meant she couldn’t properly execute the lighting without knowing the set’s layout. Additionally, they had just acquired new lights, so not only was she learning how to use them, but everyone else was too. It took some time to navigate through these technicalities, and there were moments when the lights didn't quite cooperate, but she embraced the learning process. According to Hailey delving into the different aspects of theater, especially working with lights for the first time, was an incredibly fun and refreshing experience. It added a newfound depth to her love for theater, and she couldn’t be more excited to continue exploring and pushing the boundaries of this captivating art form.

By: Kash Tahir
Q: What subject do you teach? How long have you been teaching?
A: Geometry and MCA; 21 years

Q: What college did you attend?
A: University of Connecticut

Q: What did you do this summer?
A: Move to Tampa from Connecticut

Q: What are your hobbies?
A: Hiking, running, dancing

Q: Do you have any pets?
A: "No pets at the moment."

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Q: What subject do you teach? How long have you been teaching?
A: Economics and Government; 7 years

Q: What college did you attend?
A: USF

Q: What did you do this summer?
A: Went to Savannah, Georgia

Q: What are your hobbies?
A: Playing Dungeons and Dragons

Q: Why do you like teaching?
A: “I have the ability to help students and inspire others.”

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Q: What subject do you teach?
A: Band director

Q: Why did you start teaching?
A: “My high school band director had a big impact on me.”

Q: What did you do this summer?
A: Band camp

Q: What are your hobbies?
A: Music

Q: What is unique about your position?
A: “I use music to teach life lessons to my students.”

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Q: What subject do you teach? How long have you been teaching?
A: Social Studies, GSC

Q: What college did you attend?
A: UCF and Walton University

Q: What did you do this summer?
A: Jodecy concert

Q: What are your hobbies?
A: Concerts, eating, watching Tik Toks

Q: Do you have any pets?
A: "An 8 pound dog named Dexter.”