

Trump Triumphs, Clinton Can't



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Letter from the Editor

Ryan Crow, Editor-In-Chief

In these tumultuous times, only one aspect of America remains steadfast; the fortitude, determination, and vigor of the American people in the face of a divisive occurrence, this time in the form of an election like no other. After the election of President-Elect Donald Trump and his subsequent cabinet elections, politically motivated riots are taking the country, media, and world by storm, with advocates ranging from the staunchest reaches of the left to the common worker of the moderate right. As the world's eyes rest on the state of post-election America, the cracks and rifts of our asunder nature reach the international spotlight. Some call for change; some promise hope, and some strive for a better future. But in all the hate accusations, yelling wars, and trending hashtags of our millennial struggles, far too many citizens overlook the manifest solution to our cleaved state that our Founding Fathers put forth so long ago; a rally cry of tolerance, acceptance, and recognition of the strikingly diverse ideals that shaped America's lurid, adolescent form. America founded as a melting pot of stark Eastern and Western European ideals, our early denizens often clashing over issues not too far from the very obstacles we face today. We cannot allow our diversity to be permeated by harmful, divisive accusations and intolerance for opinions different than our own. Times as trying as what we face now must be met with unity, and collaboration; the American values of acceptance and tolerance must continue on. As an inhabitant of this great country, I call upon those around me and around our community to reach out and strive to radiate the values that our Fathers shaped so long ago.

The Donald

Chris Mack

When I first heard this candidate was running (June 14, 2015), I was surprised. Esteemed businessman, financial mogul, and star of award-winning TV show, *The Apprentice*, author of *The Art of the Deal*, was running for leader of the free world. I immediately thought that he had a serious reason for running, since he would be giving up all the opulence and splendor of his current life, in lieu of undertaking what many consider to be the most difficult job in the world. In his announcement speech, "The Donald" immediately stirred up controversy when he proclaimed, "We will build a wall!" Despite disagreeing with some of his initial principles, I was intrigued, asking, what would Trump bring to America? I knew that through his vast success in business and real estate, that he knew how to make deals and make them fast. Although, being Republican and conservative, I was predisposed to like him, there are still some major aspects with which I disagree (A wall isn't feasible nor probable, not all Mexicans are rapists, we shouldn't by any means cut off immigration with the Middle East or Muslims at all). "Under budget and ahead of schedule" he often remarked, and if he can bring that

philosophy into the Oval Office, than we might truly be able to Make America Great Again! He has also stated that he likes to think "big" and puts America first, which is something that can't be said about other candidates. Something "yuge" that the Trump Campaign should have focused on to make the win even more impactful would have been a greater minority appeal; although, he won with greater numbers than Romney did in 2012 (in regards



to Minorities) it was still likely nowhere near it could have been. The reason that America needs someone like Trump is because he will make decisions, he also believes in restoring crumbling American infrastructure. In addition to that, he is likely the last real saving grace of political incorrectness. Although often believed to be seminal in politics, political correctness, and the overall sensitivity of the 21st century is something that "The Donald" is trying to fight, which is something that society

truly needs. Some key aspects that lead to the crushing defeat dealt to Hillary Clinton was the swing states he was able to pick up. By winning states such as Wisconsin, that hadn't gone red since 1984 (Reagan Revolution baby), and other seemingly "blue" states, he pulled off what is likely to be remembered as the "greatest upset in political history". Another reason being that he reached out to those disgruntled Americans who lost their jobs. The media's portrayal of Trump actually helped him win, in a similar way that the majority of polls forecasted a defeat for Donald. The American voters saw through these lies portrayed by the leftist-media and elected their choice official into office. The re-opening of "Crooked Hillary's" emails by FBI director James Comey (despite not revealing anything nefarious) brought light back to the American people how Secretary Clinton was not to be trusted with national security. The most important facet of the election, however, is America coalescing behind our President-Elect. Although the tumultuous election has, and will affect all citizens, the most important thing to remember is that we are all Americans, and all play for the same team. So, no matter who the President is, we MUST work together to make a better and safer society for ALL Americans.

I'm With Her

Emma Seguin

Hillary's decision to run for president came as a shock to no one. She has spent the last several decades gaining political experience as a well-known lawyer in Arkansas, head of the Task Force on National Health Care under her husband's presidency, Senator of New York, and most recently, Secretary of State. Throughout this time she has been a strong advocate for children and health care reform. She serves as a role model for all young women and girls interested in the government, and sends a clear message to them that they, too, have a place in politics. She brings a certain maternal aspect to the government in her loving kindness, and firm wisdom and knowledge. She understands the political process because she has been a part of it for years, and she has overall remained faithful to the improvement of her country, although she has made her share of mistakes. In hindsight, maybe it wasn't the best idea to use her private email server for an occupation that could involve high-level security information...in fact, it was a terrible idea, and she clearly wasn't thinking of the consequences. However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has examined the case twice, and both

times, no charges were brought against her. With the level of embarrassment and shame that comes with a large-scale mistake being publicized for the whole of the American people, it is clear that she has learned from her mistake.

After all – that is what we appreciate most about experience in a candidate – we trust that they have tried, succeeded, and failed sometimes, and learned important lessons from it all. In increasingly tense times both on a national and global scale, the United States



needs a representative who will speak eloquently and respectfully of all groups of people – one that will embrace our differences, not allow them to be divisive. We need a candidate who not only wants to make America great, but understands the US' role in global affairs and seeks to keep the peace rather than fuel unnecessary feuding, especially with nations who are unstable and volatile.

We didn't necessarily get the most peace-keeping presidential victor,

but what's done is done. Clinton struggled to win the electoral vote quite possibly because the case of her use of her private email server was reopened less than two weeks before the election. And, her opponent clearly voiced the opinions of the silent majority in a way that was shocking, but clearly a breath of fresh air from the increasing struggle to remain politically correct. The American people didn't want political experience, they wanted change. Only time will tell if that was the right decision.

Moving forward, this great nation can only live up to its potential by uniting together. Regardless of the president elect, the power of this country still resides in the people. WE decide what will define our nation. WE decide to be inclusive and accepting of everyone, regardless of race, origin, sex, gender, marital status, and political affiliation. WE decide. 330 million voices will always be louder than one. There is always a way to get involved in government, no matter your age. Educate yourself on the issues. Vote. Write letters to representatives. Sign a petition, or create one. Attend a peaceful protest. Or, work hard and become a representative yourself. In the words of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter".

Has Woodbridge Lost Its Identity?

Megan Whatley

Woodbridge Senior High School has been known for all of its specialty programs, especially the Center for the Fine and Performing Arts program (CFPA). This program consists of creative writing, visual arts, dance, instrumental music (band and orchestra), vocal music, theatre, and music technology. For many years the Center for the Fine and Performing Arts program has been at Woodbridge and the students had to say farewell as it went over to the new school, Charles J. Colgan Senior High School. During the fall of the 2015-2016 school year students in the CFPA program, who were not in the rising senior class, had to check a box stating whether or not they wanted to stay at Woodbridge. This meant that if they stayed at Woodbridge they would no longer be in the CFPA program or they could transfer to Colgan and continue in the CFPA program. Woodbridge lost a good amount of their students, when many students transferred over to the new school. While several students left, many stayed. There were several

reasons why some students remained at Woodbridge. Some of those reasons were the many friendships they had already made, the bonds they had made with their teachers and the teachers in their specialty program that drew them to Woodbridge in the first place were staying at Woodbridge. Currently, the seniors are still here at Woodbridge finishing out their last year in the CFPA program and will be receiving their specialty diploma at graduation in June. Three students from each school who are currently in CFPA at Woodbridge and Colgan were asked "Is Woodbridge Senior High School still CFPA"? When they were asked that question they also had to answer why they believe it and what their reasoning was. These students were Xavier Smith (Class of 2018, instrumental), Morgan Blanks (Class of 2018, dance), Kayro Mendoza-Ibarra (Class of 2018, vocal), Carmen Edwards (Class of 2017, creative writing), Javori Warren (Class of 2017, visual arts) and Celeste Taica (Class of 2017, theatre).



Students at Charles J. Colgan Senior High School: Xavier Smith: "No because the Prince William County School Board moved the program over to a new school." Morgan Blanks: "No, Woodbridge Senior High School is not CFPA because as of next year no one will be able to graduate as a member of CFPA from Woodbridge. All students who apply for the program will go to Charles J. Colgan and not Woodbridge." Kayro Mendoza-Ibarra: "Technically no because the program was moved and I feel like Woodbridge Senior High School didn't do much with CFPA to begin with."

Students at Woodbridge Senior High School:

Carmen Edwards: "Technically only for seniors, but personally it still had that culture and feel of CFPA."

Javori Warren: "I would say that Woodbridge is still a CFPA school, because the art students of the class of 2017 have been in CFPA for the past four years and are still working hard as ever. However after the class of 2017 graduates I feel that whether or not Woodbridge will be considered as a CFPA school will be dependent on how dedicated the students who choose to take art will be."

Celeste Taica: "Not really, CFPA was never really focused on previously and it definitely isn't now with it moving to Colgan. Woodbridge has always been focused on sports and stuff, there was never much importance placed on the arts. Like look at Colgan, that place was made for the arts, especially theatre. All we have is a good auditorium,

and even that has its limitations and complications. I'm not sure about the other concentrations, but that's how I see it from the theatre perspective. CFPA was just kind of slapped onto Woodridge and Woodbridge didn't have the right resources to properly supply it, so it never really belonged here."

Has Woodbridge truly lost their identity? Not really. Even though the CFPA program is no longer here there are still many talented students that remain. Woodbridge will continue to have instrumental music, vocal performance, theatre, creative writing and visual arts. With the continuation of these programs and all of the other non-CFPA programs that Woodbridge offers; Woodbridge will continue to provide the students and faculty with a wide range of activities, programs and shows to complement the diverse culture of our school.



Passion to Ignite Change

Michelle Hilado

It is Principal Abney's second year at Woodbridge Senior High School, and she has one goal that she wants her students and staff to live by: Building Bridges, Closing Gaps, and Leaving Legacies. These three actions aim towards the same outcome, which is providing a place of acceptance and inclusiveness for everyone in the Viking community. When asked why these ideals are important for our generation to live by, a senior here, Kaitlyn Graham, responds with "it is important to take to heart the idea of bringing people together because we are constantly being faced with opportunities to be driven apart. Every day there is another reason to separate ourselves from the rest of society, but if we can remember to be open minded, accepting, encouraging, and to practice love instead of intolerance, then we'll start to see things get better instead of worse." By building those bridges and closing these gaps, Woodbridge Senior High School transforms itself from a typical high school to a newly united one where everyone feels welcome and everyone feels involved. Diversity is undoubtedly present within the generation of teens and young adults today. Clarisse Liclic, a junior at WSHS, expresses her opinion on why it is important to exercise the school theme by stating "we're a group of

individuals with ambitions who come from all sorts of backgrounds and cliques, from musicians to athletes to drama kids to those competing in robotics competitions. It's a mantra that applies to everyone to connect with the people around you and to make your own unique mark on the world." In a world where different personalities, backgrounds, and interests coalesce to form a melting pot of individuality, it is imperative that this generation inhibits these differences from becoming its downfall.



Another senior at Woodbridge, Clara Cardoso, vocalizes her standpoint on the significance of the school's theme by mentioning how "the older generations constantly talk about how our generation is lazy, entitled, and has no desire to do anything for society. These ideals are vital to instill in younger age groups in order for us to realize and understand that we are the future, and what we do

will have an impact. Once we learn that we have the ability to make an impact on our school, only then can we see that that impact also extends into the real world." Simply stated, this generation controls what happens in the years to come. When the younger generations finally grasp the concept that they can make a difference on a small scale within their school, then the passion to ignite change will carry on into adulthood as they continue to build bridges, close gaps, and leave legacies. Dylan Gardiner, a freshman, gives his input on what the school theme means to him by stating, "Our generation is being pulled apart more by our technology and we need to be pulled together... with each other. We're so distracted by our phones and we're always constantly texting each other rather than talking in person. This is bad for our youngest generation... because they won't have the social skills that we have and so we have to try and build that. We can fix it by interacting more with each other in person and hanging out., talking, more (sic) than using our phones to interact." This is a generation that is learning to accept and value others' ambitions, and in just a few years when the future becomes present, this generation will have an immense amount of power to shape the world around them. Breaking down barriers and forming bonds of acceptance is how this generation can and will leave its legacy.

Holiday PC Guide

Stephen Caldwell

This coming Christmas, why settle for a plain console when you could upgrade to a gaming PC? With a gaming PC, you can browse the internet, listen to music and play video games all at the same time. You can do all this, while still getting better graphics than a console and quality savings on games. The only reason why this PC build is more expensive than a console is because it provides better longevity along with quality and upgradeability. The build I'm going to provide will be a console killer- it will be \$500, and be better than a console in every way.

The base of the PC is the motherboard. The best thing about a motherboard is that you don't have to get an expensive one for better performance. That's why choosing a cheaper motherboard, like the ASUS Micro ATX 2400 with DDR3 is a great option. It provides ample room paired with the case for later upgrades, along with enough DDR3 slots to add 8 more gigabytes of RAM. Even though 8 gigabytes of RAM will satisfy most games, you might want to upgrade for higher performance 3d modelling or video rendering. At only \$49.79 on amazon, this motherboard is a steal.

The main part of a pc is the central processing unit, or CPU. The CPU is the brain of the PC, and when it comes to computing power, it is the most important part of the PC. The AMD 860k "Near-Silent" which is \$71.62, quad-core, and can be overclocked to 3.8GHz. This means that the CPU can process four strands of data at a time, with a raw computing power of 3.8GHz. That is 3.8 data streams per second. It only uses 65 watts, which means you can save more money when it comes to power supply.

Even though adding more RAM to a pc isn't necessary, it improves performance and operation speeds. Most games require at least 4 gigabytes of RAM, but getting 8 improves overall performance and allows you to use other apps in the background (Like Discord, TeamSpeak, Skype etc.) while still maintaining high performance in game. When it comes to RAM, you don't want to cheap out and buy off brand products because the reliability and durability is at stake for lower prices. Kingston HyperX fury (8GB) provides the reliability of a name brand manufacturer, along with lower prices; it's a win-win. With the low cost of \$37.99, and the quality of Kingston this stick of RAM will last longer than your GPU.

Onto the gaming- With the MSI Radeon RX 470 GDDR5 (4GB), you can play most new games on medium to high quality. The only problem with this card is the heat. This thing is basically a space heater, and can rise to temperatures up to 200 degrees Fahrenheit. This is mainly because it's an AMD card, so you'll be saving money when it comes to overall price but it'll cost you in heat production. This is where the real holiday savings come in- instead of heating your house, just get a few of these bad boys and sit around them for warmth. You do not want to cheap out on a graphics card, if you do you'll be regretting it playing games with a grainy quality. The RX 470 is \$192.99, this is where most of your money will go,

because it is the main component for gaming. Without a good video card you might as well just play Minecraft.

Now that you have all the main components to your computer, you need a place to store all your games and files. For insanely fast boot up speeds and loading times you want to get an SSD. The upside to SSD storage is that they have no moving parts, generate no heat and make no noise. The downside to SSD hard drives is that they are very expensive the more space they have. That is why I am recommending a SanDisk SD8 SBBV with 240GB of space. You will need to upgrade your storage later, and 240GB may not be enough depending on what you're downloading. If you need more storage later on, your best option is an HDD. It is cheaper, and having all SSD is extremely costly and not worth it. The SanDisk costs \$63.99 but it will last you longer than any HDD drive on the market.

Now that you have all the internal components of your computer, you need a nifty box to put it in. My personal favorite brand of fans and pc towers is cooler master, because they are built to last *and* they look cool. Cooler master fans are cheap value fans that are built to last. The best part about them is that they are the most quiet compared to the other fans in their class. The Cooler Master Elite 342 is a decent case that can fit all of your components inside with room to upgrade. They don't offer hidden cable lines like a Corsair, but spending more than \$100 on your case is absurd. Coming in at \$51.78, this case is inexpensive and has room to add fans later if you decide to overclock. The all black, sleek modern design is appealing to the eyes, and comes with a built in power supply. Normally, you'd have to buy a separate power supply and case which would add about fifty more dollars to your build.

Now for the last component- buying all of your components. I strongly recommend checking Amazon and Newegg to find the lowest prices, but if you have Amazon Prime you should just stick to Amazon. The total for this gaming behemoth is \$468, but prices fluctuate and they could go up or down. This leaves you with room to buy a second hard drive, a second stick of RAM or a slight upgrade to one of your other components.

Welcome to the world of the gaming elite! Putting together your new love child will take about an hour, and you'll only need a few Phillips screwdrivers. All of your components come with screws and special tools so you don't have to worry about extra costs. This is the most enjoyable part of getting a new PC for most people, next to the shopping. Just make sure you don't put your brand new PC together on carpet with socks on.

Winter Sports Preview

Patrick Stead

The winter sports season is upon us, seems to be coming faster than ever, but the winter Viking athletes are ready to get on the court, pool, track, and mat. The winter athletic season consists of Girls and boys basketball, swimming, track, and wrestling. I interviewed seniors who have been participating in their sport for 4 years now and ready to leave everything during their final season. I asked them each the same question, "What do you hope to accomplish this year?"

Hanna Oliver, star shooter and 3pt specialist had this to say,

"This season I hope the team can build off an impressive last season along with a successful offseason. I hope the team can make it to the state tournament and maybe even win it."

Boys' basketball opens the regular season at home against Colgan on Friday December 2nd. The boys' basketball team hopes to rebound after a tough season and hope to be fueled for the Conference tournament in February like the Girls.

Derrick Brown, varsity guard told me,

"I am pumped for the basketball season and can't wait for some varsity action. I hope the team can make it farther than last year and make his senior season magical".

Varsity swimmer Bergen Campbell is ecstatic for the season,

"I am looking forward to spending the season with friends, and winning individual races as well as contributing to the team's success. I hope everyone can attend the meets because it is an interesting sport and a fun experience for everyone.

The track team looks forward to racing again and hopes to reclaim both the boys and girls conference trophies. The track team hosts a meet on December 6th as well as the Conference meet on February 2nd. The team is pumped and hopes the training will pay off once the big meets start to happen.

Yohannes Kidano, a freshman cross country and track star,

"I'm excited to start the track season, and hope I can win a medal since I was unable to during cross country. I hope I can help the team win conference and I hope we can continue into states".

The wrestling team host a huge 2 day wrestling tournament on December 27th & 28th during the holiday break. They hope all the students can come out and support the wrestlers and cheer them on to Victory. This is the only 2 day tournament the team hosts before a Conference dual meet with Riverbend and Colonial Forge.

Important Dates

If you are involved in any organization or club that would like their announcements to be posted, please contact salcbridge@gmail.com.

- Winter Orchestra Concert 12/8
- Winter Choir Concert 12/13

Check out woodbridgehs.pwcs.edu/calendar for more announcements

December 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 27	28	29	30	Dec 1 Fr/JV/V Boys Basketball	2 Fr/JV/V Boys Basketball vs. Colgan HS <i>More events...</i>	3 WSHS Robotics Battle of the Bridge <i>More events...</i>
4	5 JV/V Girls Basketball vs. Stonewall Jackson HS	6 Indoor Track vs. Freedom/Forest Park	7 F/JV/V Boys Basketball @ Patriot <i>More events...</i>	8 Fr/JV Boys Basketball vs. Freedom HS JV Girls Basketball vs.	9 Swim Team Freestyle Frenzy <i>More events...</i>	10 Indoor Track @ Brooke Point <i>More events...</i>
11	12	13 Indoor Track @ Colgan <i>More events...</i>	14 V Wrestling @ Colonial Forge HS	15 JV Wrestling @ Colgan	16 V Wrestling @ Mt. Aloysius, PA <i>More events...</i>	17 V Wrestling @ Mt. Aloysius, PA JV Wrestling @ Washinton Lee SAT Prep Session
18	19	20 Indoor Track @ Gar-Field <i>More events...</i>	21 2nd Quarter Interim Reports Distributed	22 No School - Winter Break for Students & Teachers	23 No School - Winter Break for Students & Teachers	24
25	26 No School - Winter Break for Students & Teachers	27 No School - Winter Break for Students & Teachers Battle at the	28 Battle at the Bridge No School - Winter Break for Students &	29 No School - Winter Break for Students & Teachers	30 No School - Winter Break for Students & Teachers	31
Jan 1	2 No School - Winter Break for Students & Teachers	3 F/JV/V Boys Basketball vs Gar-field <i>More events...</i>	4 JV Girls Basketball @ Potomac F/JV Boys Basketball @	5 JV/V Girls Basketball @ Riverdale Baptist	6 Swim vs Gar-field	7 Wrestling @ Line Mountain Duals