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deca gone virtual

What was a positive aspect of participating in a virtual competition?



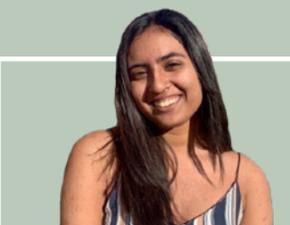
Despite being virtual, the study sessions still provided a time where I could meet new people and chat with my friends."

OLIVIA HO (9)



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PHILIP CHIU (10)



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SALINKA DHAMIJA (11)



"Editorial look created from fashion editorials"

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[B] engineered editorial Students listen to alumnus David Wang explain his editorial look made from Vogue magazines. Wang was invited to speak at the webinar hosted by Monta Vista FBLA, Fashion club, and Lynbrook Indesign Club. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions about Wang's education in STEM and how he pursued his interests in environmental sustainability and fashion. *Photo provided by Cindy Zou*

passion for fashion

David Wang's story was really inspirational and a great way to show [FBLA] members and webinar participants that anyone can pursue their passions and interests. In the Bay Area, we're taught that we should pursue STEM careers, but it's also important to acknowledge other fields and remind students that there are many opportunities and a world of possibilities for them to explore outside of STEM."

CINDY ZOU (11)

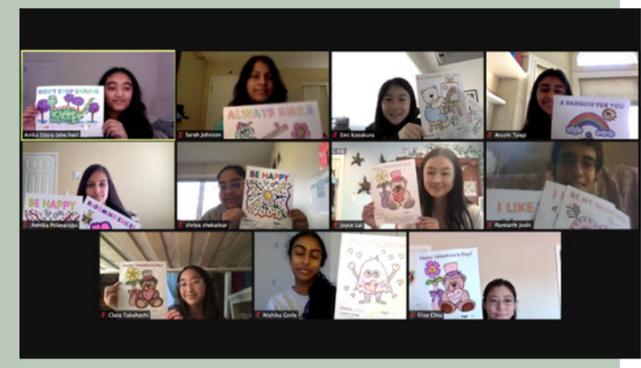


[A] pose for the picture Elene Pilpani (12) poses while taking promotional photos for "The Misanthrope." During the remote production process, the team communicated to keep each other updated. Taking photos for the marketing team was a task team members fulfilled to help create interest in the online production. *Photo Provided By Elene Pilpani*

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zoom of the week

To keep students engaged in virtual events and campus organizations, clubs such as Key Club, have utilized various creative and simple service projects, allowing members to gain service hours while maintaining interest in the event. "It's definitely been a challenge, but finding different virtual service events for the members is fun for the officers and beneficial as they can discover new projects they never knew about in the past" Key Club president Anjali Sinha (12) said.



by the numbers

Based on a survey of 236 MVHS students

92% of students play Valorant

8% of students do not play Valorant

conquering valorant



What is your favorite part of Episode 2?
They came out with a new character, new battepasses and gun skins, [which are] details that make the game more customizable for each player."
Why do you enjoy playing Valorant?
My favorite part about playing Valorant is being able to meet new people and compete against one another in a setting that does not involve academics."

ASHLYNN ONG (11)

managing 'the misanthrope'

Advanced Drama Honors students highlight their experiences producing Monta Vista Drama's first-ever virtual production

With the COVID-19 pandemic halting all in-person activities, MVHS' theatre department faced the choice of producing a virtual production of "The Misanthrope." The team members were pushed into unknown territory with obstacles they had never faced in the past.

"The process was really strange and unpredictable," set lead Daniel Matthew (11) said. "The physical aspect had been stripped from [the production] and now instead of building sets, the team was searching for Zoom backgrounds and editing them together to fit the actors' scenes."

Makeshift sets were created in the homes of the actors, and different approaches to the obstacles the team faced were made to better the process. Despite the difficulties, the virtual aspect of "The Misanthrope" lightened the work load for the team, compared to a physical production, with many team members being able to start and complete their work from the comfort of their bedrooms. Team members, such as actors, were also given more opportunities to prepare for the production.

"One positive aspect was definitely being able to spend so much time on Zoom or FaceTime rehearsing lines and practicing with backgrounds and audio," senior Anushka Savale said. "I was able to almost perfect every scene because we were able to redo each scene multiple times to get the perfect take."

Through the obstacles faced, the production team emerged with new skills and different lessons learned. Despite lacking the physicality and the inability to work off of one another's energy on stage and behind the scenes, each team member learned the importance of a strong team and will carry the experience with them into the next year.

"Although we weren't with one another, the team was still close," Elene Pilpani (12) said. "We bonded over Zoom and worked out problems together as team, which is something I won't forget from this year's production."

-Lydia Lu

weekly updates



epic release

The second episode of Valorant was released by Riot Games on Jan. 12, introducing a new agent and battle pass for players to enjoy. *Photo by Riot Games*



struggling with stress

On Jan. 12, MVPTSA hosted a virtual webinar on understanding and managing stress. *Illustration by MVPTSA*



history in the making

On Jan. 13, Donald Trump became the first president to be impeached twice after allegedly instigating riots at the Capitol Building. *Photo by Getty Images*



switcheroo

The Houston Nets acquired James Harden in a trade with the Indiana Pacers and the Cleveland Cavaliers. *Photo by Carmen Mandato*