

## WHAT'S POPPING AT RHS

### BREAKING NEWS



**John Henderson**  
Asst. Principal



**Dr. Shawneequa Beal**  
Principal



**Hoang Nguyen**



**Diana Gonzalez**

### Words of Advice from our Principal

**RHS student body**, in this educational journey we are all in together. Each of you possess incredible potential and unique strength that have brought you to this moment. Remember that challenges are opportunities and mistakes are stepping stones to success. Keep your dreams alive and your spirit high, for you have the power to shape your destiny. **Faculty and staff**, your dedication and knowledge fuels the flame of knowledge within our school. Every interaction, every lesson, and every effort you make has a lasting impact on the minds you shape. As you strive for excellence, know that you are appreciated and admired.

**Hoang "aka" Harry** is a **senior** at Riverside High School. His future plans include applying to medical school. My favorite motto is **"overcoming yourself is overcoming your greatest fear"**.

**Words of Advice to the RHS Student Body:** *"Give your best effort to overcome any obstacles. You and I are together. When the first way is closed, we always have the second way to go. Try not to be afraid, try to be as brave as possible."*

### Student SpotLight

**Diana** is a **senior** at Riverside High School. Her future plans include going to college at Ole Miss where she plans to major in Finance/General Business. Her favorite quote is: **"Work hard in silence, let success make the success."** - Frank Ocean

**Words of Advice to the RHS Student Body:** *"Take time to know yourself"*.

### BullDog Vocabulary

- Personal Narrative
- Narrative
- Tone
- Mood
- Etiquette
- Point of View
- Analyze



*Calling all Bulldogs to Put Points on the Board*

# Everyone Has a Story

## "MY DAD"

**BY: DIANA GONZALEZ**

**Growing** up, my dad was my role model. He had his own flaws that made me admire him. However, my dad was not a great person. There were moments that caused me to detest him. Looking back, he tried his best to be a perfect father despite his actions.

**When I** was younger, I used to love my dad a lot, and even though my dad dropped out in elementary to support his family, he was intelligent. My dad knew a lot of things. He taught himself English the moment he came to America. He bought a bunch of books and learned through them. He loved history the most. I can recall the things he talked to me about history. I always wanted to be like him.

**Despite** his intelligence, he was not a great person. My dad was a violent alcoholic and was often abusive. His actions were either physically, mentally abusive, or both. One thing I can remember was my dad outside in his car. My mom was in the kitchen talking to her male cousin on the phone. Seconds later, he knocked on the door heavily.

**I thought** he was playing around and I made my mom open the door. The minute the door opened, my dad attacked my mom. It was so horrible. My brother came in and defended my mom. In the end, my dad was yelling at my brother for protecting my mom. He kicked my mom and brother out. The next day, he acted like nothing happened.

**I hated** him so much for the pain he caused my family. I hated the fact I couldn't actually hate him. In my heart, I still love him as a dad. The moment in which I hated him the most was when he got deported in 2018. After his deportation, he called me everyday just to ask about my mom. Why couldn't he ask about my brother and I? Why does he still love a woman who no longer loves him? I can remember the day I started crying in the call asking him if he ever loved me and my brother. The call was silent. I hung up the phone.

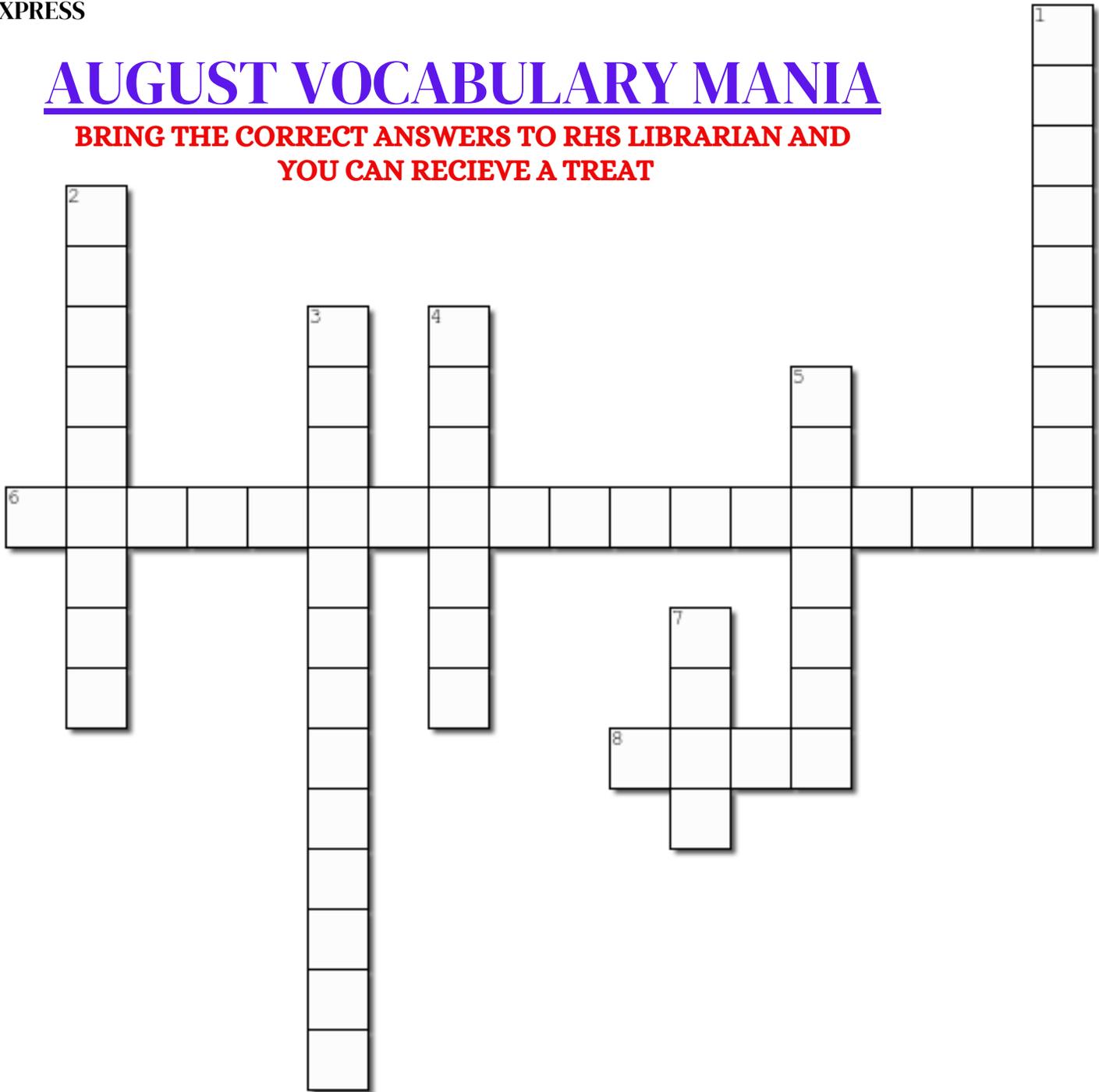
**After** having that conversation, he started to become a better father. Even if he was in a different country, he tried so hard to be there for us. I wish he tried harder. My dad was still an alcoholic. He had kidney failure. I remember receiving the news of him dying last year. My life was turned around. I was working with my mom. We rushed home and I tried to stay calm. I video chatted with my uncle to see my dad. Seeing him lifeless in the bed broke me. I couldn't believe my own eyes. I started yelling at the phone, hoping he would just open his eyes. Twenty minutes later, he died.

**With all these memories** coming to me now, I can never see him as a good person. He had so many moments he could have changed, yet he never did. I understand if he couldn't, but at least he tried to be a better father to us. I missed my dad and I hope in another universe, he is happy with his life.

# GLOW

# AUGUST VOCABULARY MANIA

**BRING THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO RHS LIBRARIAN AND  
YOU CAN RECIEVE A TREAT**



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

## Across

- 6. (BULLDOG WORD OF THE MONTH)  
tells a story about a memorable experience;  
usually in first person point of view
- 8. the writer's attitude

## Down

- 1. tells a story
- 2. (BULLDOG WORD OF THE MONTH) a  
code of polite conduct; governs behavior  
for social interactions
- 3. the perspective of how a story is told
- 4. Riverside High School Mascot
- 5. to break down; to break into pieces
- 7. the emotional response that the writer  
wishes to evoke in the reader through a  
story.

# Change

*"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."* - Frederick Douglass

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "If there is no struggle, there is no progress..." Explain.**

**I agree. People use their struggle to boost themselves to become someone. I disagree, because some people can struggle but not put the work in to do better. For example, my family didn't come from anything; we barely made it sometimes. I hustle and I have a plan to become something bigger. I want to live lavish and I have the work ethic to do so. On the other hand, my brother doesn't do as much as me. He wants a good and lavish life , but he doesn't want to work and push himself to have a better life. I think a struggle can push people only if they want it bad enough.**

**HUSTLE**



**ARNIECIA THOMAS**  
**"SENIOR"**

## "HARRY"

BY: HOANG NGUYENZ

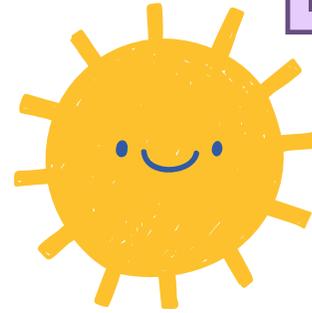
I used to be depressed, but not really seriously depressed and I got rid of it thanks to my family, especially my mom. I'm at the age, as people always say "every child has problems". It's between the age of teenager and adulthood. At this age, our body change a lot from appearance to our thought. Especially our thoughts.

I remembered it was a beautiful summer day. The birds sound, the sunshine, I woke up hardly after a night with lots of thoughts in my head. At that time, I had to go to work for a part time job (fulltime in the summer). I had to know how to drive, and because the next year is my senior year, I had a lot to think about. These things... these thoughts were going crazy in my head and made me overthink about them.

I became frustrated with everything... my job, my parents, my brother. My parents found out I was having problems, but when they asked me, I refused to tell it. It continued for a month and then one day my parents decided to just say something. My dad said "I don't know what you're thinking right now," he almost yelled at me. "Why don't you talk to me about anything! Why do you always hide it? Just tell me, it's very easy son". He was very angry, but I didn't say a word. The only sentence I said was "I wanted to get off work the next day" and he agreed.

# CHILL

# BE BRAVE



The following day, I woke up like normal, my head very clearly empty. I couldn't think anymore. After I had breakfast, I talked to my mom. "Mom, I'm so tired right now, because for my thoughts. I can't get rid of them. Can you help me please?" My mom told me to sit down and tell her my problems. Finally, she said **"You're overthinking! The problems are not so serious, but because of you overthinking, you make them more serious than they have to be."**

After that, my mom got to understand me and give me some advice. **"Don't worry, I'll always be beside you whenever you need, so just try not to lie to yourself that you can solve your problem. Don't lie to yourself anymore, just be hones... remember that."** I took this advice directly into my heart and I felt so much lighter.

It came to the few last days of summer. I stayed at home myself, looked through the windows and saw the sunshine with green trees. I talked to myself. My mom was right, because I always lie to myself that I can do anything. I disappoint myself and that makes me depressed.

I smiled and told myself "it's time to start over. Don't be the old version, be a new one." After two months of fighting with depression, now I'm a new version. I know what I'm doing right now; I don't lie to myself anymore. That was my most memorable experience I have in my life. **Thanks Mom, you helped me a lot and GOODBYE to depression.**



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**KIMORA DAVIS**  
 "JUNIOR"

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "If there is no struggle, there is no progress..." Explain.**

**Yes I agree, because progress can not occur unless hardships are made. Nothing in this world is gonna be handed to you. You have to work for what you want. The willingness to endure work, suffering to sacrifice to get what you want. Most kids my age parents are handing them everything, but my parents are not spoon feeding us. They want us to work and get stuff ourselves instead of just expecting it to be given to us. I'm really thankful that I'm not spoon fed. What we want we go and get ourselves.**

**LEVEL UP**

# BULLDOG WORDS OF ADVICE

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*Good  
vibes*

--FROM MR. HENDERSON--

You can do it, **KEEP PUSHING**"

**GAME  
ON**

"Faith can overcome **ANYTHING**"

"You're Stronger than the days behind you,  
and prepared for the ones ahead of you"

"You can be a better  
person today than you  
were yesterday" (Psalms  
46:10)

--**Mr. Ray**--

"The future is ahead not  
behind. Never look back,  
because you will never  
continue"

--**Makiya Meads**--

"You can do anything you  
put your mind to"

--**Aislyn Bailey**--

"You can't be afraid that  
people will hurt you,  
cause if you fear life then  
you never live"

--**Chester Bennington**--

"It's nothing wrong with  
working hard"

--**Otis Williams**--

"Never give up.. It will be  
over soon"

--**Arniecia Thomas**--

**PLAY**

"It's okay to not know, but  
it's not okay to not try. It  
will be ok! Take everything  
one step at a time. Nothing  
is ever as bad as it initially  
seems"

--**B. Martinek**--

"As the year progresses, just  
know every person in this  
school can help us **PUT  
POINTS ON THE BOARD....**

It starts with you being the  
**BEST VERSION** of yourself  
each and every day. We may  
have some bad days, but  
Persevere and you will  
Overcome"

--**C. Norals**--



*just  
breathe*

**Qu'Niya Jackson**  
"Senior"

**WORDS OF ADVICE TO THE  
RHS STUDENT BODY:  
"LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST,  
AND FOCUS ON THE  
POSITIVE"**

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**"WORK HARD AND  
DON'T GIVE UP"**

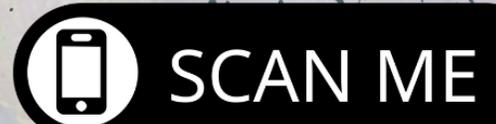
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