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#Time'sUp Showing Up At The 2018

By Kylie Jackson

This year's Golden Globes aired on Sunday, January 7th. A lot of women at the Golden Globes wore black, and "the remaining" men wore pins that said "Time's Up". The actors and actresses wore these to show how they stand up in solidarity for victims of sexual harassment and sexual assault. With all sexual assault accusations in Hollywood, this was a great moment in award show history to show how Hollywood women are fighting against sexual injustice.

Actress, Frances McDormand, Golden Globe winner for Best Actress in a Drama Motion Picture, spoke out about women's rights and standing up to sexual harassment during her speech. McDormand ends her speech saying "So many of you know I keep my politics private but it was really great to be in this room tonight. And to be part of the tectonic movement on our industry's power structure. Trust me. The women in this room tonight are not here for the food. We are here for the work." McDormand made sure she mentioned #Time'sUp (originated by the #MeToo organization) and how hard women in the industry have worked.

Reese Witherspoon; America Ferrera; Natalie Portman; producer, Shonda Rhimes; entertainment attorney, Nina Shaw; and Lucas Films President, Kathleen Kennedy were some of the women who spoke with Oprah Winfrey about the #Time'sUp movement. These women talked with Oprah about breaking the silence around sexual assault and how important it is to support women outside of Hollywood who may have suffered through sexual harassment but don't have the platform to speak up or stand up for themselves.

"Founded by more than 300 extraordinary women in Hollywood, #Time'sUp is an approach that aims to extinguish sexual harassment and assault in workplaces around the country with a number of operations, including legislation and a legal defense fund that provides support to women who wish to report assault or harassment but face legal hurdles to do so. As of Sunday, the group had raised more than \$16.6 million for the fund." - Time Magazine.

For all young woman growing up in America and all over the world, this moment has the potential to change our lives. The fact that celebrities are taking a stand against gender inequality and sexual harassment and assault is amazing. We are being shown that young women have a voice, and our voices demand to be heard. The #Time'sUp organization will help girls and women around the world fight this battle.

"A New Day Is On The Horizon"

- Oprah Winfrey



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Letter from the Editors

Hey Toro's! We Toro Times Editors hope you have had a wondrous break! In this article you will hear what really happened with Logan Paul and the Aokigahara Suicide Forest; along with the #metoo movement at the Golden Globes. Even though nothing can beat time away from school with family and friends, we hope this issue will help with the transition from a long break to school. We are also in need of your voice! Come to the next meeting on Monday, January 22 at Portable 14 (Ms. Schooley's room), during 7/8th grade lunch. Happy end of the marking period!



Why We Need to Change

By Lucas Wohl Sanchez

For years Islamophobia has been causing great damage to our society. Anti-Islamic hate crimes have accounted for many of the hate crimes from 2002 to 2013, and 1 in 40 Arson offenses were anti-muslim. It averages out to about 160 crimes per year. I interviewed a muslim to see what life has been like for her. She says that it's heartbreaking that people hate muslims just because they think all muslims are terrorist. She also says that in public, people will whisper negatively about her religion which is terrible and flat out racist. People have teased and mocked her in school. Knowing that this is happening at our school to many people is appalling and completely goes against the Toro Way. We as a community need to apologize and reset.

Last year, our Commander in Chief signed an executive order banning mostly muslim countries. A week later, a judge in seattle took it out of effect. This travel ban is a great example islamophobia, it was designed to stop refugees from entering the US just based in their religion. A lot of Muslims in Oakland and Montera are going through a lot with their families; so we as a community need to step up and help or at least not be Islamaphobic.

What is the WHO?

By Olivia Cowgill

Recently, the beta draft site for the World Health Organization (WHO)'s 11th International Classification for Diseases (ICD) listed gaming disorder as a "Disorder due to addictive behavior", similar to alcohol or drug use. WHO describes it as a "pattern of gaming behavior characterized by impaired control over gaming, increasing priority given to gaming over other... interests and daily activities." It was listed on the first draft, so WHO still has to approve it, but it hasn't stopped the outrage from video game companies, who are now trying to ridicule and contain this possible addition. ESA, the Entertainment Software Association, say that this "recklessly trivializes real mental health issues", and "The World Health Organization knows that common sense and objective research prove video games are not addictive". Both arguments are valid, but whether gaming disorder is legally acknowledged remains to be seen.

We can Change the Future

By Hannah Penson

In this day and age women and girls are being expected to look a certain way more than ever. We are told to be "effortlessly" perfect all the time, otherwise we are no longer "pretty". We are constantly being told to look and dress a specific way as if it's the main two factors that define women for who they are. Women and girls are expected to have an hourglass figure and wear uncomfortable and revealing clothing because, according to the new expectations of our society, those are the things that make girls beautiful. Before I go on, I would like to say that it is okay to confine to these standards, there is no shame in looking the way you want to; I am just pointing out that there is more to a person than their looks.

One of the big campaigns for women empowerment is the Dove Self-Esteem project. This is a campaign created by Dove, a large, skin and hair care brand, that helps women and girls realize that there is more to them than they way they look and that women can do anything that they want to. Another campaign is UN Women, this campaign is trying to help women and girls reach their full potential and shape the future female leaders of the world. They are also trying to stop violence and sexual offenses against women. These two organizations are just a small portion of the many groups trying to help females realize just how amazing they actually are. As young middle schoolers, we can all learn and grow from these organizations. As the future,

Cartoon Contest!



First Place



Second Place



Third Place