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Seniors wait in primary poll lines, anxious to vote for the first time. After they cast their ballot, they reach for the infamous "I VOTED" sticker before posting pictures on their SnapChat stories. Students use social media as an outlet where they can share opinions on local and global issues.

While tweeting about the presidential primaries, students switched to "liking," rather than "favoriting" tweets due to a new Twitter update. SnapChat also created GeoFilters that changed depending on the time and location. Students flooded social media with pictures that included the first "Martin Warriors" GeoFilter when it was released in March.

Social media was used to debate controversial topics such as politics, the Syrian Refugee crisis, the removal of the Confederate Flag from South Carolina's Capitol building and the "affluenza" teen Ethan Couch.

Debates were also spurred from tragedy within the student body. Students came together to remember and mourn the loss of alum Taylor Helland. After the loss of two students to suicide, there were many "tweefs" about depression and mental health. We used social media to share our different *points of view* with the world and to express ourselves.

Sharon Miller, theater teacher

After teaching at Martin for 13 years, theater teacher Mrs. Sharon Miller announced her retirement after the 2015-2016 school year. "Mrs. Miller is all hands-on-deck," senior Nicole Safavi said. "She's especially gifted in costume design and makeup."