



## **Film Made by Saint Viator Senior Leading National Voting**

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To vote for the film, follow the instruction listed above.

Fans have until Monday to vote for the film by texting “Chi” to 777483. As of Monday, the Chicago-based film was beating its New York counterpart 63 to 37 percent in nationwide voting.

The 10-minute film features recording artist Alexis Jordan who appears as a super-heroine, “Justice.” She inspires a local comic book writer to escape his dead-end job and leave his overbearing boss in the dust.

“It was huge,” Lenart said. “Everything we did was on a much grander scale than anything I’ve done before.”

At stake for Lenart and her production crew is a bid for a berth to the Los Angeles Film Festival in June and the chance to walk the red carpet.

The competition is sponsored by the Chicago-based Dreaming Tree Films, whose mission is to immerse teens in real-life filmmaking experiences that provide them with career insight to help them grow as artists and individuals.

Since coming to Saint Viator, with her twin sister, Tayler, Lenart has immersed herself in the production side of the theater department and now serves as production manager for all of the school’s fine arts performances.

Saint Viator Principal Eileen Manno agreed to let Lenart miss a week of school for the filmmaking competition, believing that the on-location experience of making a film on deadline will involve many educational benefits --- outside the classroom.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity,” Manno says, “that she has earned through all of her hard work.”

Lenart hopes to continue her filmmaking experience in college. She has been accepted to the film school at the University of Central Florida.

To view the film, visit: [www.sprite.com/refreshingfilms](http://www.sprite.com/refreshingfilms).

After only three days, a 10-minute film made in Chicago as part of the Sprite Refreshing Film Contest leads in public voting nearly two to one over a New York short made by teens for the same contest.

Saint Viator senior Torey Lenart of Inverness was one of 10 teens chosen for a week of filming back in February in Chicago, where they had six days to cast, shoot and edit a short film.

“Justice” premiered at the Saint Viator variety show on Friday before its trailer opened in 22,000 movie theaters nationwide.