

# Families and Social Change

The purpose of this tutorial activity is to acknowledge and respect different familial and cultural experiences. The participants (Professor Amber, friends and students in Jade and Eric's tutorials) included baby and family pictures, symbols, tattoos, flags, and quotes that best represent and reflect their culture(s) and family life. When these pictures come together as a whole, it celebrates the similarities and differences we hold. For instance, European families typically have the same beliefs, celebrations and traditions. This activity incorporates what *family* means to us and what type of family structure we grew up in. I decided to incorporate the family dynamic and traditions of the Rose and Schitt families from the TV show, Schitt's Creek, as well as images of *iconic* fictional families from some of my other favourite TV shows! These TV shows promote and present different family structures which show how diverse family life is. The family structures presented in these photos are as follows: nuclear, extended, single-parent, blended, grandparent and "unconventional" families. Overall, I genuinely enjoyed creating this activity, as I learned more about my peers' families and cultures!

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*La Famiglia è Tutto*

"The Family is Everything"







I am Angelica Antonietta Marika Rocco, and I was born on November 10, 2001, at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. I grew up in an **extended family** with my mother, Angela, and my Nonni (*grandparents*), Mario and Antonietta, however; my grandparents passed away a few years ago and now I live with my mother (**single-parent family**). I have a very big family in Canada, as well as relatives in Italy, Greece, Belgium, Spain, Brazil, and the United States, because both of my grandparents had seven siblings. Although I do not know my dad or his side of the family, I still try to embrace my Greek culture and learn about it as much as I can. I was taught that family is the most important thing in life. I am very close with a lot of my family members; Italian families typically gather on Sundays for lunch to spend time together. We hold many traditions such as getting together to make tomato sauce and wine, celebrating religious holidays, etc. Family to me is about having love, trust, and respect for one another.

I am beyond grateful to be part of a big and loving family!



# AMBER GAZSO

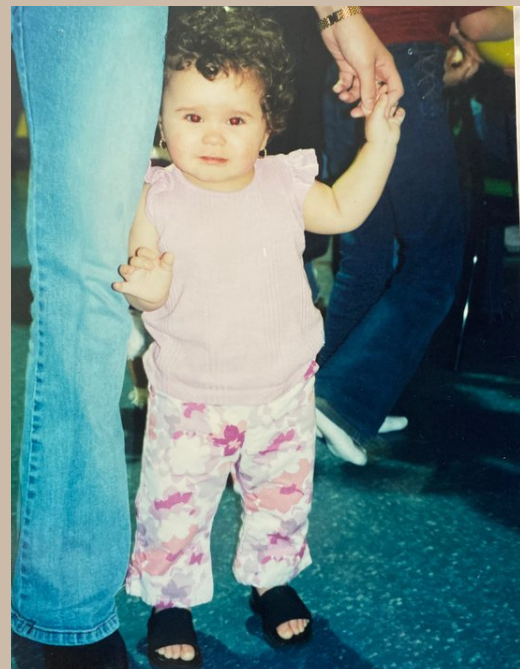


I'm Amber Gazso, and I grew up in a **nuclear family**, with my mother, father, and brother. Though I am half Hungarian and half British, we rarely practiced cultural traditions. We ate certain Hungarian foods sometimes but I didn't learn to speak Hungarian; my dad's dad only spoke mostly Hungarian, so I just nodded when he talked. I do feel a sense of loss about how cultural knowledge was not passed down on my father's side. In our family practices as I grew up, we definitely conformed more to my mom's 'family' norms and traditions (those of her parents). I included pictures of myself on a horse and posed beside a car because that is how I remember growing up. We were not wealthy and we were not middle-class; we were working-class. While I had a horse, we lived on a small 5 acre "hobby" farm in Bradner. My mom grew up with horses so this was a shared hobby of ours. My dad's hobby was restoring vintage cars. I grew up going to tons of car shows and events with the car in the picture; so did my brother. As per my parents' incomes, it always went to hobbies. The one big trip I remember was Disneyland when I was 7.

Fun fact: my hair was cut super short because I snuck gum into my bed every night and my mom finally gave up on getting it out of my hair.



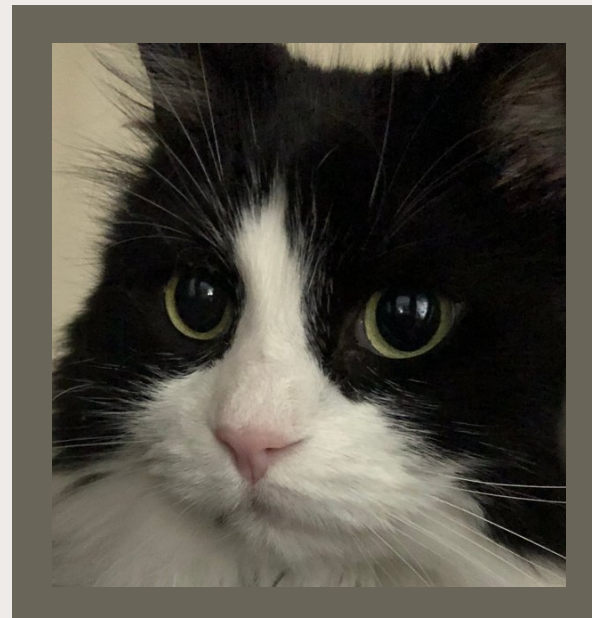
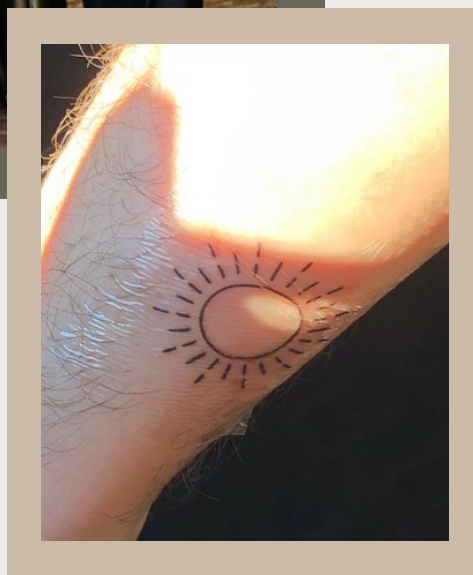
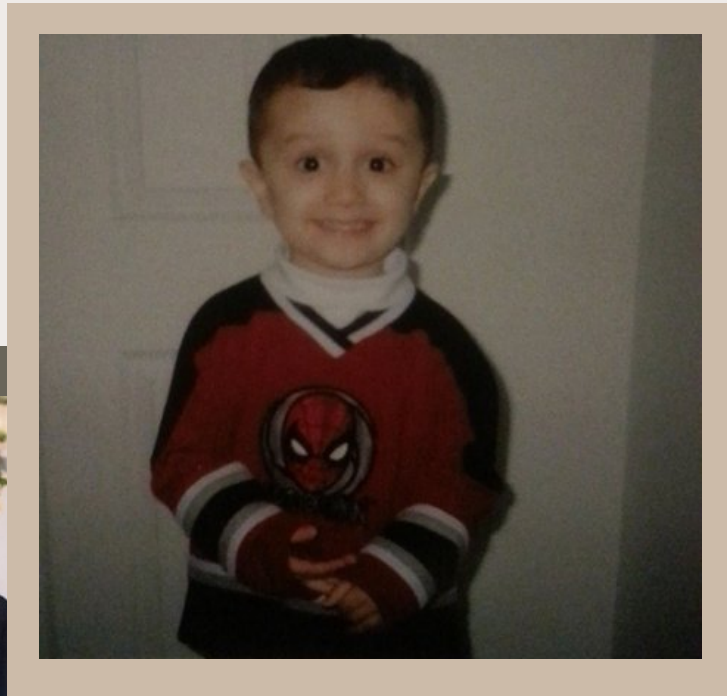
# DESTINY RAMOS



I'm Destiny Ramos, and I was born on May 9, 2001, at Humber River Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. I was raised in a **single-parent family**, with my mother then grew up in a **blended family**. I have a father, mother, step-father, an older half-brother, and two younger sisters. I have a big family here in Canada, Chile, Montreal, the United States, and Portugal. My family traditions include celebrating religious holidays. My tattoo symbolizes the bond and love I have for my step-father. He used to sing "Sana Sana Colita De Rana" to me as a child when I would get hurt to "heal" my pain. Family to me doesn't always mean "blood is thicker than water".



# NOAH PEREIRA



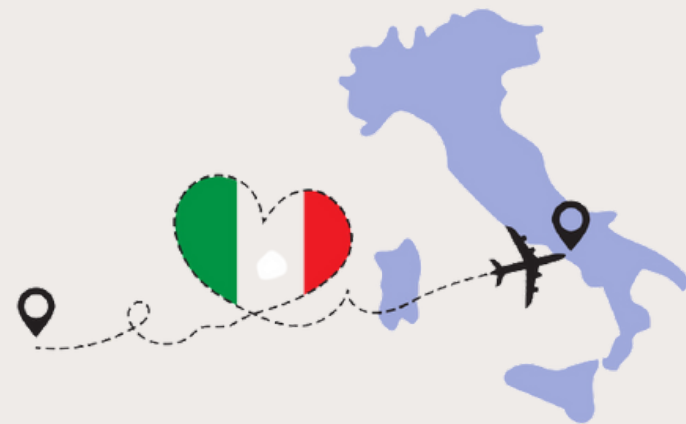
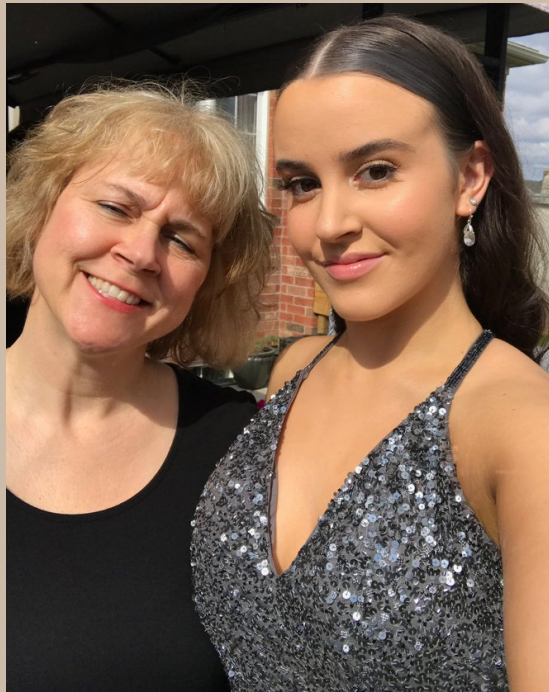
I'm Noah Pereira, and I was born on April 12, 2001, at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. I grew up in a **nuclear family** with my mother, father, and sister, and now, a **blended family** with my mother, her husband, sister, half-brother, and step-brother. I have a big family here in Canada and Portugal. Our traditions include celebrating Christmas together at my granny's house. I have a sun tattoo because my mother would sing "You Are My Sunshine" to me as a baby. Family to me is having people love and support you through everything.





I'm Katarina Christina Nikolovski, and I was born on February 5th, 2001 at the Markham Stouffville Hospital. I grew up in a **nuclear family** with my mother, father, and younger brother. I have family here in Canada and in Macedonia. My family and I celebrate Easter and Christmas and one of our traditions is called "breaking of the bread"—my grandmother would make a loaf of homemade bread and place a coin somewhere in the loaf. When the whole family is together celebrating, my grandmother would separate the loaf into pieces and give one to each family member—whoever has the coin will receive good luck for the upcoming year! Family to me means everything, it means loving and respecting one another and cherishing all the memories you create together.





I'm Stephanie Mae Sorgini, and I was born on October 17, 2001, at Southlake Hospital. I grew up in a **nuclear family** with my mother, father, and older brother. I currently live in a **blended family** dynamic. My family, growing up, were, and still are very close; we enjoyed spending time together by our pool in the summer, went to my dance competitions and my brother's hockey games. The bottom symbol represents when my family and I used to travel three years in a row to Italy—several of my favourite memories came from these trips. Family to me is a support system that I can always count on to be there for me.



لا تضحي بهذه الأشياء الثلاثة: عائلتك أو قلبك أو كرامتك.

Never sacrifice these three things: your family, your heart, or your dignity.



I'm Zilan Akgul, and I was born on September 7, 1999, in Fleurimont, Québec. I moved to Ontario when I was around nine years old. I grew up in a **nuclear family** with my mother, father, older brother and younger sister in a very traditional Middle-Eastern, Kurdish household. A tradition that we usually do but haven't done due to COVID-19 is going camping in Owen Sound every July and August for 3-5 days. We've been following this tradition since we moved to Ontario. Family to me is about trust, unconditional love, and an unbreakable bond.





# ANITA ANING



I'm Anita Aning, and I was born on December 30th, 2001, at Humber River Hospital in Toronto Ontario. I grew up in a **nuclear family** with my mother, father and little brother. I also grew up with my God-family. My family traditions include going to church on Christmas, Easter and New Years to celebrate with our church family. Family to me means having respect and trust, and always being there for each other no matter how big or small the situation may be. Family also does not have to be someone you're related to by blood. Anyone whom I have a very great bond with and have lots of love for is considered family to me, just like my God-family.

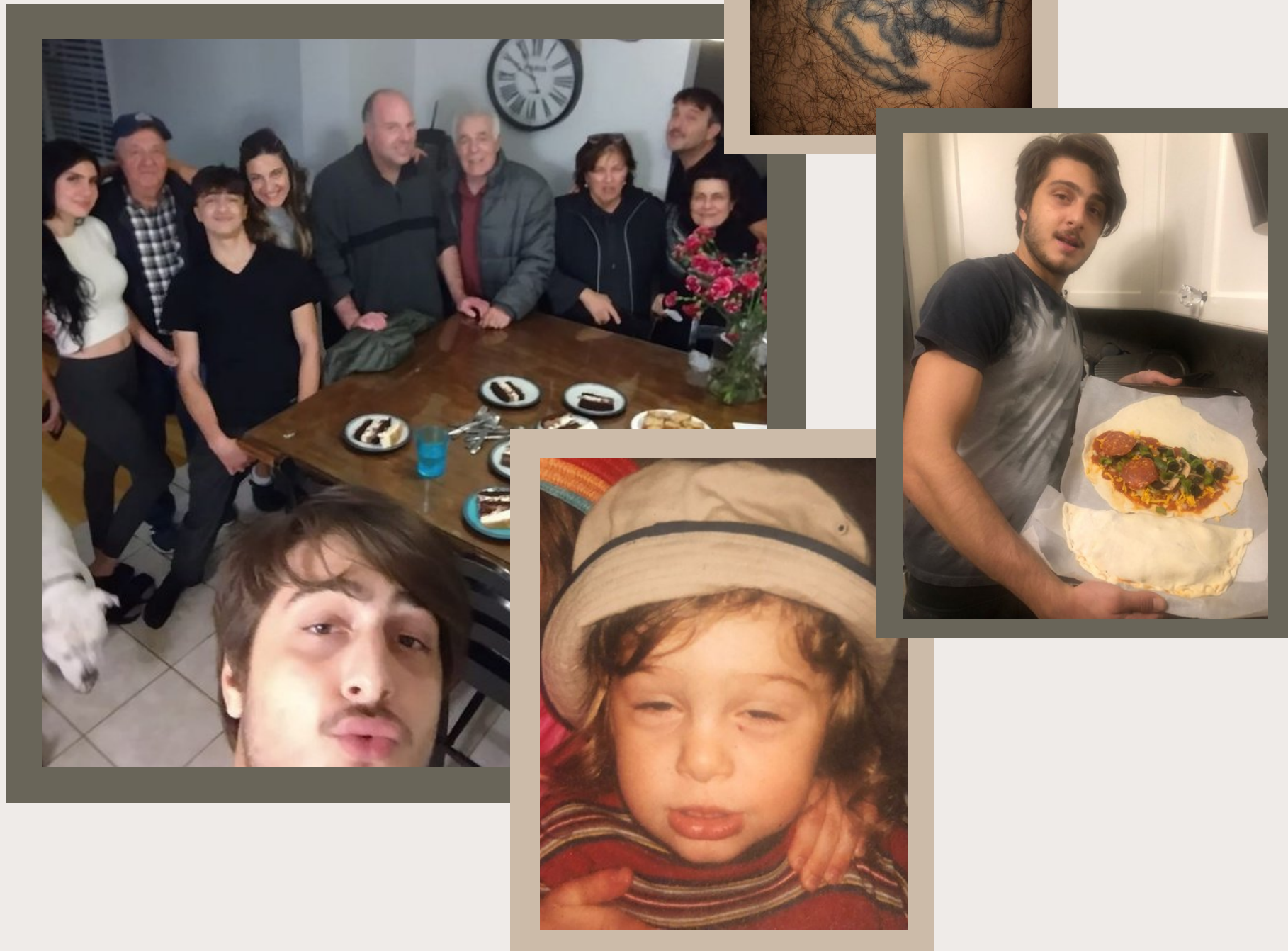




I'm Jenna Copetti, and I was born on July 7, 2001, at North York General Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. I grew up in a **nuclear family**, with my mother, father, and older sister. I have a big family here in Canada, Italy, Argentina, and the United States. My family has many traditions such as getting together to make tomato sauce, salami and wine, planting gardens, watching soccer games together and celebrating holidays. Family is home to me and a place where I feel loved and safe.

*Famiglia - Dove la vita inizia e l'amore non finisce mai*  
Family - Where life begins and love never ends



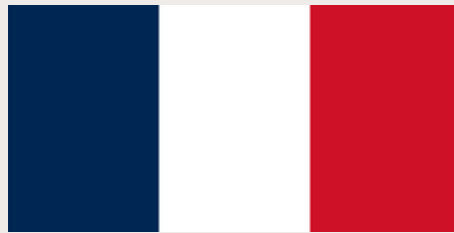


I'm Pietro Vasilios Guarnaschelli, and I was born on September 3, 2001. I grew up in a **nuclear family**, with my mother, father, brother, and sister. I come from a big family here in Canada, Italy, and Greece. My mother's side of the family (Greek) traditions include making sweet bread with my grandmother for Christmas and Easter. My father's side (Italian) traditions include gardening, making tomato sauce, etc. My father's tattoo is of the Sicilian symbol which is also known as Trinacria. Family to me is having people who will be there for you no matter the situation—it does not necessarily mean you have to be related, families are formed through bonds and having love for each other.





# LYRIC GRANT



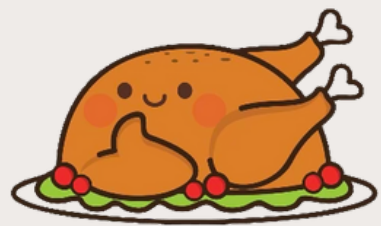
I'm Lyric Grant, and I was born on October 18, 2001. I grew up in a **blended family**, with my mother, two older half-brothers, an older half-sister, and my four younger half-brothers. My family is big and they all live in Canada. Besides Christmas and Thanksgiving, I do not really have any other traditions that I celebrate with my family. My mother would make ackee and saltfish on Christmas morning, and we'd watch home videos. Family to me is unity and loyalty.





I'm Riya Bhatla and I was born on March 11, 2001, at York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill. I grew up in a **nuclear family** with my parents and older brother and have lived in the same home in Richmond Hill my whole life. We recently welcomed a puppy into our home, so I guess you could say little Kobe is Bhatla #5! As an Indian family where three of us were born and raised in Canada, I wouldn't say we follow many "cultural" traditions. But one thing that we always do together (and have sworn to never do without each other) is watch marvel movies at the movie theatre! To me, family is guidance, loyalty, love, and sacrifice. While we all may not get along all the time, we know that home is where we are all together.





I'm Ashley Dibello, and I was born on May 6, 2001, at North York General Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. I was raised by my mother and father, alongside my older sister, which exemplifies the **nuclear family** dynamic. One of our family traditions is that we always celebrate both Canadian and American Thanksgiving because it was my grandfather's favourite holiday and every year, he wanted the whole family to get together and celebrate it twice. To me, family is one of my main support systems—no matter how different we are or how much we argue with each other, they're always there to support me through difficult times.





### Family 1:

David, Johnny, Alexis, and Moira Rose

David and Alexis grew up in a **nuclear family**, with their mother (Moira), and father (Johnny). The Rose family celebrates both Jewish and Christian traditions. Family to the Rose's is about loving and goofing around with one another.



### Family 2

Roland, Jocelyn, and Mutt Schitt

Mutt was raised in a **nuclear family**, with his mother (Jocelyn), and father (Roland). One tradition the Schitt family holds is to keep the gender of a new, unborn baby in the family a secret. The origin of this tradition stems from Roland's great, great, great, great, great-grandmother accurately guessing the gender of her baby and as a result, being put on trial for being a witch.



# ICONIC FICTIONAL FAMILIES



PEAKY BLINDERS - GOSSIP GIRL - SCANDAL - MODERN FAMILY- SHAMELESS - LUCIFER - SONS OF ANARCHY - ANIMAL KINGDOM - THE ORIGINALS