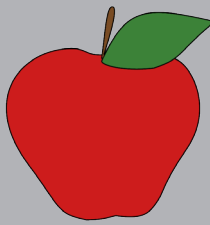


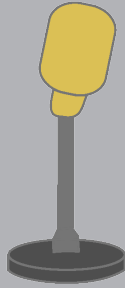
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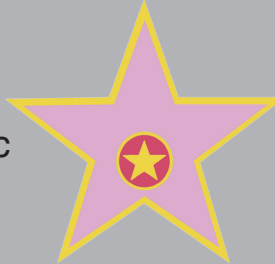
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## An unhappy anniversary



**APPLYING HIS TRAINING:**  
Freshman Ricardo Martin practices making a tourniquet on junior Natalia Maldonado.  
photo by Kailey Norusis

Kailey Norusis  
NEWS EDITOR

Valentine's day, a holiday usually commemorated with festivities of cookies, chocolates, singing grams, and sometimes even oversized teddy bears.

Many classes proved basic study halls for students, lessons forgotten about in light of the sorrowful energy surrounding the day. Students and staff looked for ways to get their minds off the negative energy.

This year the day of Feb. 14 took on a more solemn tone as students and teachers remembered the one year anniversary of the

Stoneman Douglas shooting that killed 17 people of the community. Students and teachers coped with the tragic commemoration in various ways. For some students this meant staying at home with their families, for other students this meant coming to school. For the students that did choose to attend classes, the school provided many different ways to help students get through the day.

Students were given the opportunity to sign up for different sessions online, such as yoga sessions taught by math teacher

Ashley Speerin, medical training taught by science teacher Jumana Lakdawala and health science teacher Nancy Boulger, as well as a commemoration held in the butterfly garden led by Mr. Carruth. Many students jumped at the opportunity to attend these sessions.

The yoga sessions, taught by Speerin, took place in the dance room. These yoga sessions were a way for students to relax, both their bodies and minds on a day where many people have horrible memories.

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## Making the school safe again

Sebastian Paula  
OPINION EDITOR

Due to an increase in gun violence across the nation, Broward County schools took recently immediate action to enforce stricter security measures. Given that the perpetrator easily bypassed school security, the school board for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) decided that strengthening this weakness could result in reinforced safety procedures. Ranging from hiring new security personnel to the installation of new and more advanced cameras, schools across the county got heavily enhanced in terms of guaranteeing proper school safety.

Specifically, Principal Steven Carruth took charge in installing a plethora of amplified safety measures. The most commonly known change involves the requirement of wearing a school ID at all times. This new installation made it possible to track which students attend the school or not, restricting any outsiders from sneaking in. The inability to wear a school ID results in an obligation, which indirectly forces students to consistently wear one. Thus, the implementation of IDs makes for a simple yet effective change to the school's safety precautions.

Furthermore, the hiring of new security guards and cameras makes it so the school remains on guard at all times. The guards, whether patrolling the interior or exterior of the campus, perform the duties assigned to them effectively. For example, both parking lots are continuously patrolled to prevent anyone from getting in or catch any student who schemes on escaping. Additionally, the new security cameras now record in real-time, meaning that personnel are able to witness events as soon as they unfold. Although their implementation proved expensive, its uses assist in raising the fortitude of the school.

Along with the acquirement of additional resources, the campus continued to increase its restrictions by solidifying a one-way entrance for students and visitors to enter through.

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## LOS NUEVOS NIÑOS EN LA CIUDAD

### Nuevos estudiantes latinoamericanos hacen su hogar en la jungla

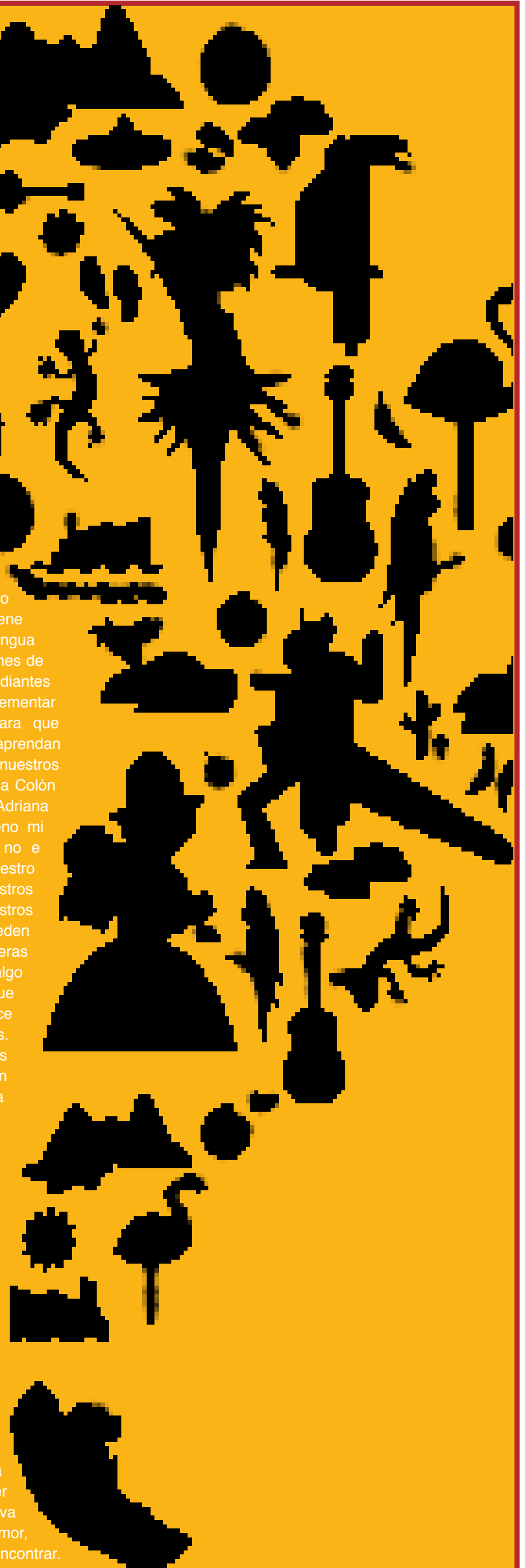
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**A**quí en nuestra escuela secundaria tenemos una gran masa de estudiantes de países latinoamericanos (Cuba, Puerto Rico, República Dominicana, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, etc). Cada uno con historias diferentes, diferentes motivos de dejar sus tierras atrás para empezar una nueva vida en un país donde al principio hubieron obstáculos ya que la gran barrera del idioma es algo que muchos estudiantes pasan al llegar nuevos a Estados Unidos. En nuestra escuela tenemos la maravillosa suerte de compartir con nuestros compañeros su cultura, tradiciones y costumbres. Los latinos tenemos algo en común, todos y cada uno de nosotros tenemos un sentimiento especial por nuestra tierra y un orgullo de representar a nuestro país como mejor nos parezca. Tratando de dejar nuestra bandera en alto hacemos lo mejor posible para resaltar entre todos, que se sienta nuestra pasión por lo que hacemos, el amor por nuestra tierra natal,; todas y cada una de las cosas que nos hacen ser como somos.

Tuve la gran oportunidad de intercambiar palabras con 3 personas de esta escuela, una alumna latinoamericana y dos maestras hispano-hablantes. Mrs Dailey, nuestra maestra de Español 3 y 4 Honores y Patrocinadora de la Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica nos contó de cómo su pasión por el español había nacido, "en la escuela secundaria comencé estudiando Español 1. Pase todo un verano estudiando español en la Universidad Iberoamericana en México y después en la Universidad de Indiana." Sus primeros años enseñando Español tuvieron lugar en Illinois, 17 años enseñando en Escuela Secundaria Piper y en 2004 entró a Coral Glades donde sigue dando clases de Español a sus alumnos tanto americanos como hispanos. Una de las cosas que se tomó en cuenta durante nuestra entrevista, fueron sus opiniones con respecto al trato de los estudiantes hispanos con los estudiantes americanos, "Podemos ayudar a mejorar la escuela haciendo que los estudiantes hablen con personas de diferentes culturas, eso puede ayudar tanto a los estudiantes que vengan llegando, también hablarles de los clubes que hay en la escuela donde hay gente hispana, como lo es SHELL donde se dan tutorías para aquellos estudiantes que necesiten traducción de inglés a español, esta la Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica y el Club de Español, esas pueden ser una gran ayuda con los estudiantes." Algo que nuestra maestra pudo decirme y que quedó más que claro es que la diversidad es buena, aprender de otras culturas es bueno, conocer nuevas tradiciones es algo que beneficia a todos los estudiantes en nuestro colegio, Mrs. Bayon, maestra de Español 1 y Español Avanzado de Lenguaje y Literatura (AP Spanish Language and Literature) nos contó de cómo su experiencia a sido aquí en esta escuela. "... El recibimiento a sido una maravilla, los estudiantes son respetuosos y eso es algo que valoro mucho." Parte de nuestra entrevista fue conversar sobre los estudiantes que

tiene en sus respectivas asignaturas y esto fue lo que nos comentó "... los estudiantes Americanos es un poco enseñarles ya que piensan que pueden vivir con un traductor, así que es nuestro deber enseñarles a como no utilizar la tecnología al hablar con alguien de otro lenguaje." Una frase que esta maestra tiene en su salon es "Aprender una nueva lengua es conocer un nuevo mundo." Las opiniones de nuestra maestra al respecto de los estudiantes nuevos latinos es, " Deberíamos implementar más actividades entre los alumnos para que socialicen y conozcan las otras culturas y aprendan de las demás tradiciones." Por parte de nuestros estudiantes esta estudiante latina, Adriana Colón (grado 12) desde San Juan, Puerto Rico. Adriana nos comparte su punto de vista, "Bueno mi experiencia en general a sido buena, no e tenido problemas con nadie, ningún maestro o ningún estudiante. El trato de los maestros a los estudiantes es decente. Hay maestros que son muy buenos y otros que no pueden catalogarse como tal, de todas maneras el trato de estudiante maestro es algo cuestionable, ya que hay estudiantes que no respetan a ningún maestro y eso hace que los maestros dejen de ser agradables. De donde vengo hay algo llamado 'Las normas del Buen Hablante y del Buen Oyente' donde se establece que si una persona está hablando hay que mostrar un respeto, dejando de lado lo que estamos haciendo, mirarlos a los ojos y escucharlos sin distracción y mucho más importante no interrumpir!" estas son las palabras que nos deja nuestra estudiante que actualmente es presidenta de la clase Latinos in Action (quienes se interesen puede dirigirse a ella).

Algo que nos caracteriza a los hispanos es que somos esa masa de estudiantes que siempre está dispuesta a darle la mano a los demás. A los que llegan nuevos, incluirlos en los grupos donde se puedan sentir más cómodos, compartir cultura es algo que nos encanta. Nos encanta ver que a la gente les guste nuestra música, nuestra comida, nuestras películas. Para cualquier latino que llegue nuevo a esta escuela, va a encontrarse con personas llenas de amor, luz y bondad que en otro lado no podrá encontrar.



# 72%

**of total student enrollments are minorities.**

# 29.7%

**of people living in Broward County are of Latino/Hispanic origin.**

# 9.5%

**Of students in the US are English Language learners.**

## Singing to the rhythm of love



**TALKIN' BOUT MY GIRL:** Choir members from the boy's chorus groups serenade students with a beautiful rendition of The Temptations "My Girl" on Feb. 13th., as well as performances of "I Want to Hold Your Hand" by The Beatles the day before Valentines Days. The girls' choir group sang "Love Story" by Taylor Swift and "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz. Maintaining the highly-regarded tradition of Singing Grammys for students and their sweethearts on the day of love, both the ladies and gents of chorus put on impressive performances featuring various love songs throughout the entirety of the romantic day. *photo by Natalia Maldonado*

# Adapting and overcoming

## Parents find creative ways of dropping off students after being locked out of bus loop

Barisha Cranstoun

STAFF WRITER

Recently, administration discontinued allowing parents to drop off their children in the teacher parking lot. Initially, students could get dropped off in the teacher parking lot after 7:15 in the morning, after the buses had dropped off students and left; however, that rule changed. The reasoning behind it involved the enforcement of a single point entry in which ensures safety by not having too many entrances to the school. This enables controlled access to the campus.

This new rule now gave security guards less hassle in trying to secure multiple entries at once, while also supervising other students' behavior. According to some of the teachers, they prefer the new rule over the old one, as they can now get to their parking spot a lot quicker. One main complaint from parents who used the teacher parking lot for drop-off involved the congestion of the student drop-off area.

"For the first few years after the school opened in 2004, the faculty parking lot was used only for bus drop off and pick-up and faculty parking, no parent drop off was allowed," english teacher Kristen Edwards said.

The school only began to allow that students could be dropped off in the faculty parking lot after the buses left, a few years ago.

"I totally agree with the limited entry policy because it all comes down to safety and the least amount of entry possible can help regulate that," philosophy teacher Kyle O'neill said.

However, many students affected by this new rule have very different opinions on the newly implemented rule. With some accepting the necessity of greater security awareness, and others holding more concern over their attendance records, there prove many points of debate on this new rule.

"I understand that safety is a big concern but it's going to be really hard adjusting to the long lines in the student drop off area," senior Divine Reath said.

Three out of five students are dropped off by parents and the rest use other form of transportation, such as bicycles and personal transportation. Those who remain dropped off by their parents must face far higher chances of being tardy to school due to the ever-increasing length

of these drop-off lines.

"It takes my mom fifteen minutes to get to my school even though it's a seven minute drive, but the lines in the mornings take so long that we have to leave earlier to get here on time," junior Bradd Cranstoun said. "It was easier just using the teacher parking lot."

Students express concerns that the new rule placed by school administration will hinder their attendance records due to being late. However, many parents do seem to respect the new limitations placed upon them, as it helps create a safer environment for their children.

"I personally love this new security protocol. I initially used teacher parking and it took a while to get used to, but if it helps keep my son safe then I will completely oblige." parent Sharon Dunkley said.

Although some students preferred the access through the faculty parking, most of them understood the necessity of limited access to the school to help better ensure their safety.

Due to the recent tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, many educational institutions, especially in Broward County, have re-enforced many security protocols to ensure the safety of everyone. Single point entry is just one of the many. Many faculty members and students acknowledge that it is necessary and safety for everyone is always encouraged.

Although faced with mixed feelings from all members of the community, this new rule remains intact and seems to be staying for good. Faced with this new adjustment to student drop off processes, parents came up with an innovative and cooperative way to get their children dropped off faster.

Utilizing the empty field directly next to the teacher parking lot, parents formed their own drop off line to begin releasing their children. Although a bit of a farther walk, this DIY drop-off line proves highly effective for parents and students alike, and makes it possible for more students to remain on time and ready to learn.

This innovation just goes to show that parents never fail to make the best of the situations they find themselves in, and prove relentless in coming up with creative ways of ensuring their child's success. In the face of ever-changing



**THE DROP OFF ZONE:** Creative parents drop their children off at school bright and early in the vacant field located next to the bus loop after being locked out due to security concerns. *photo by Natalia Maldonado*



**IN AN ORDERLY FASHION:** Parents enter and exit the field in a single-file line, expressing the ingenuity and cooperation skills parents possess when faced with tricky situations. *photo by Natalia Maldonado*

# Making the school safe again

from **MAKING**, page 1

Sebastian Paula  
OPINION EDITOR

Currently, a security personnel guards the main entrance of the school. To keep track of who goes inside, a desk and sign-in sheet proved a necessity for all visitors. Once they go inside, visitors must ring a buzzer and state their purpose.

Once having completed requirements, then these visitors may be considered eligible to enter school grounds. However, they need to get their picture taken and wear the ID given to them before getting passed the main office.

"I think that people visiting the school having to go through such an extensive process to actually get in is a great idea," senior Christopher Forestal said. "It definitely makes me feel better that they can't just walk right into the school."

In addition to the new guards spread across the entirety of the school, a new police officer joined the effort in prioritizing student

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Christopher Forestal  
Senior

safety at all times. With his inclusion, the school now possesses two armed police officers ready to make sure that no potential or suspicious enemy gains the opportunity to strike first.

However, the constant extensions to provide educational welfare either face student backlash or financial consequences. Many students disagree with how administration handles the use of the constant wearing of IDs. Also, the cost of making the school as safe as possible caused its current financial stability to drop dramatically. Of course, most students understand that these rules ensure their safety.

Although parents continue to worry about the safety of their children ever since the Douglas tragedy, schools across Broward County continuously make strides in increasing the efficiency of student protection, and to prevent any future disasters from happening again. As citizens throughout the country demand change to ensure brighter futures for their kids, public schools prove ready to listen.

# An unhappy anniversary

from **AN UNHAPPY**, page 1

Kailey Norusis  
NEWS EDITOR

The yoga session provided many students with a coping mechanism to deal with the events that took place only a year ago. "It was to help ease stress and tension that someone could be building up due to the anniversary and relaxes your muscles afterwards which tends to make you feel a literal weight off your shoulders." Said Chelsea Lucien, 11.

There were three different yoga sessions throughout the day. Students were led through different poses, purposed to allow the students to take the time to reflect and relax throughout a very tense day.

Another session that took place was medical training, taught by Lakdawala and Boulger. In the medical training session, students were taught how to give CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation), use an AED (an automated external defibrillator), as well as how to use a bleed out kit.

CPR is an emergency procedure combining chest compressions and the keeping open of an airway in the attempt to preserve brain function until professional help can be provided to a patient.

An AED is a machine that gives an electric shock to the heart, in an attempt to get it to start again after it has stopped.

This is most commonly used when a patient has gone into cardiac arrest. AED kits can be found in most public buildings.

"The point of the bleed out kit is to try to give injured people the opportunity to stay alive for medical help to get there," freshman Connor Norusis said.

The medical training session provided students with knowledge of what to do in order to help people in any life threatenig situation that they may be placed in. This training makes students feel more comfortable that if they ever faced a life threatening situation, they could be as prepared as humanly possible.

The final session that took place on Feb. 14 was an activity in the Butterfly Garden on campus. This session was led by Mr. Carruth. The students and select staff participated to redo the original butterfly garden at the school. Students cleaned out weeds, planted new flowers, and created a tribute sign for Marjory Stonemen Douglas. This serves as a tribute to anyone who was affected by the horrific events that ocured last year and allowed students to create something beautiful in the memory of those lost.



**SAFETY FIRST (left):** Freshman Ricardo Martin learns how to make a tourniquet to help slow bleeding in case of an emergency from Health Science teacher Nancy Bulger. Photo by Natalia Maldonado



**BLOOD BUDDIES (right):** Junior Yasani Peralta applies her first aid training on sophomore Jasmine Williams during their safety training academy provided by the school on Feb. 14th. Photo by Natalia Maldonado

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2/23**  
Drama  
15 Reasons  
Cafeteria  
1 PM

**2/28**  
Seniors  
Panoramic Picture  
Gym  
9:30 AM

**3/2**  
Drama  
Eurydice  
Courtyard  
1 PM

**3/7**  
Coral Glades  
PSD  
7:40-11:40 AM

**3/8**  
SGA  
Color Run  
Track  
1:20-2:40 PM

**3/12**  
Coral Springs  
Election Day  
7 AM-7 PM

**3/16**  
NHS  
Car Wash  
Wendys  
9 AM- 2 PM

# NEWS BRIEFS

## A Dominating Industry

Students in the DECA program, which encourages the development of knowledge on business, marketing, hospitality, tourism, and finance abilities, achieved a high goal set on their plates from the beginning of the school year- to make it to Districts. Students can choose from a wide variety of contests to partake in. After countless hours dedicated to working on their projects, students submit their work to be assessed and evaluated by a panel of judges. If these students prove worthy, they can move on the next level and either go to the Career Development Conference (CDC), or straight to states, located in Orlando, Florida. These students represent the top contestants the DECA program has to offer, and prove more than ready to take these competitions by storm.

-Gloria Greenfield

## Media Center Monday's

Starting December 3, 2018, every Monday from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Coral Glades has offered Media Center Mondays for anyone who would like to stay after school to use computers, study with friends, or even get homework help from teachers. Many teachers put assignments online and because many students don't have access to computers they aren't able to complete assignments, but with Media Center Mondays students are given a chance to complete these assignments. This is also good for when students have group projects. There will be math and literacy teachers to help students with homework or things that they didn't understand in class. In the media center there will also be test prep, for test such as EOC, FSA, SAT, etc. Media Center Mondays give students a good opportunity to study, make up work, get help, or work with friends.

-Emma Brazee

## Planning ahead

Swarms of students flocked to the Jaguar cafeteria on the night of Jan 29 to learn about the dozens of elective and AP courses available to them in the upcoming year. Each class and club displayed had a booth set up and student volunteers to gie details and explanations. The courses showed the fun experiences and learning opportunities a student could receive. The Jaguar Singers chose to display pictures of class field trips and other events to present the joy of arts classes. Students could also opt to attend a seminar and Q&A with students already enrolled in AP classes, to gain an understanding about what might await them in the future should they choose to strive for an AP diploma. The future Jags who attended, as well as high school students, got a sense of the many paths they could choose during their four years.

-Natalia Maldonado

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# Becoming a member of the board

## Andrew Pollack gains a spot on the Florida Board of Education

Payton Post  
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 14, 2018, a day usually filled with love and friendship, tragedy struck; an event in which Broward County will never forget. On that Valentine's Day, 17 students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas students lost their lives to a mass shooting, affecting the entire Parkland and Coral Springs community. Among the angels sent to heaven, 18-year old senior Meadow Pollack held many supporters looking to create change. Her biggest supporter, her father Andrew Pollack, continued to push for better safety of children in order to prevent another catastrophic event from occurring again.

While the outspoken father visited the white house in order for President Trump to listen to the families of the victims, he mentioned the desire for nothing but the safety of the students in America, stopping at nothing to reach that goal. To support his claim, Pollack mentioned the fact that every other larger facility, such as airports, stadiums, and even embassies receive proper protection, except for schools. He also stated that the gun control laws should act as the secondary focus to protecting schools; that way, no more tragic events take the lives of others, such as they did his daughter.

Pollack remained focused on accountability, wanting nothing more than government awareness of the issue. Activists' primary drive appeared apparent, as just three weeks after the Parkland shooting, Pollack, along with other victim's parents, persuaded former governor Rick Scott to sign a bill that enforced stricter gun laws in Florida.

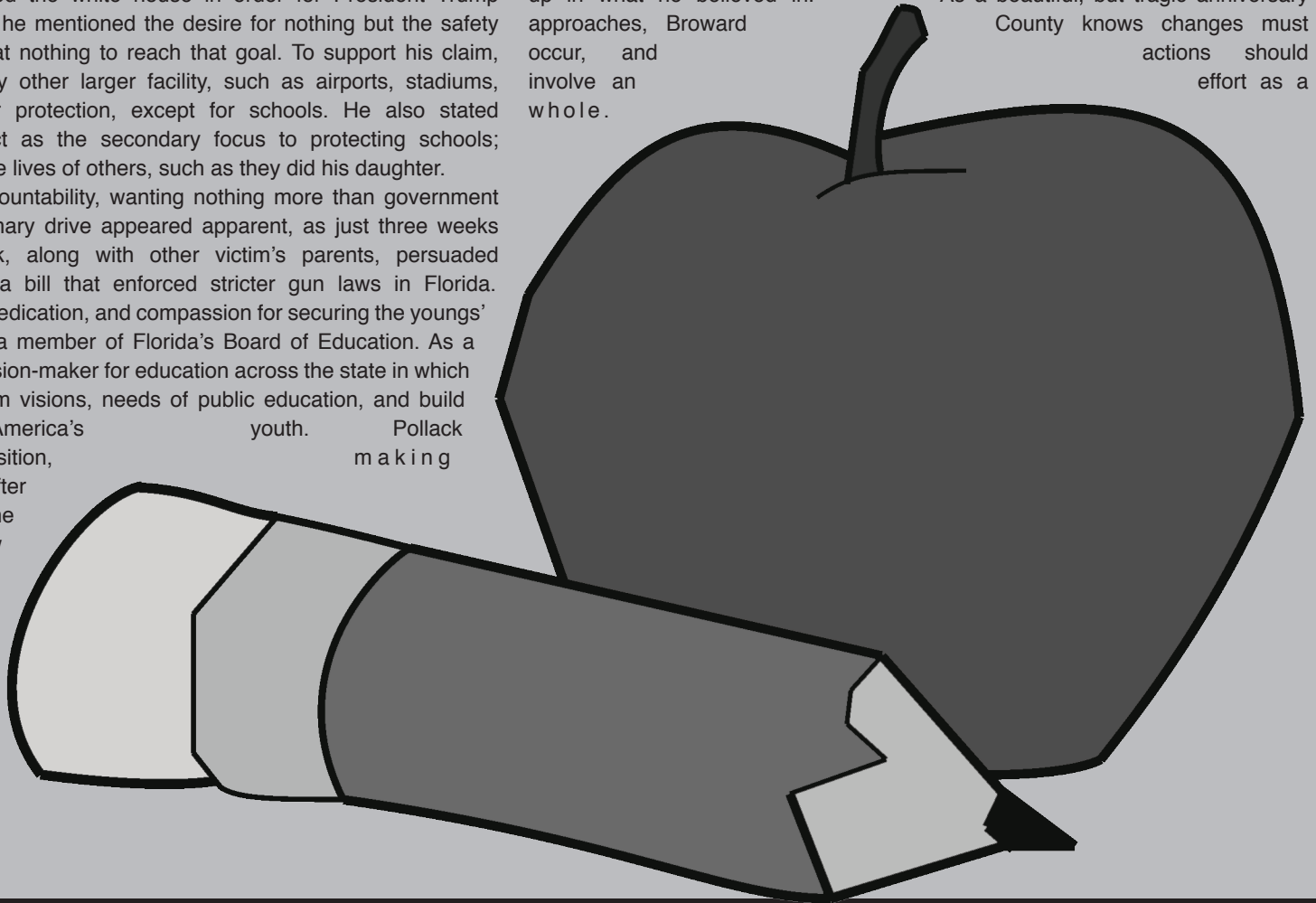
On Jan. 4th, Pollack's hard work, dedication, and compassion for securing the young's safety paid off, as he got elected as a member of Florida's Board of Education. As a member, one acts as an unbiased decision-maker for education across the state in which they serve. Also, they depict long term visions, needs of public education, and build policies upon the best interests of America's youth. Pollack worked tirelessly to get to his current position, making a change for the better. Already after recent employment, he completed one of many accomplishments, with a new act into action. Pollack assisted in the passing of the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public School Safety Act," which enforces strict rules upon increased safety within schools, enhanced surveillance, extended security of gun violence, and a few more qualities that looks to aid every school as a whole. Mental health also plays

a powerful role when statistically looking at the mass school shootings that occurred in the past. Pollack planned to bring new propositions within the school board dealing with more mental health workers within schools, as well as connecting students and families with the appropriate services.

Broward County took a stand as a whole when working together through hard times, fighting for the justice that those 17 students deserve. In many eyes, Andrew Pollack appears as a perfect candidate for the job, as he never gave up in what he believed in.

As a beautiful, but tragic anniversary approaches, Broward County knows changes must occur, and actions should involve an effort as a whole.

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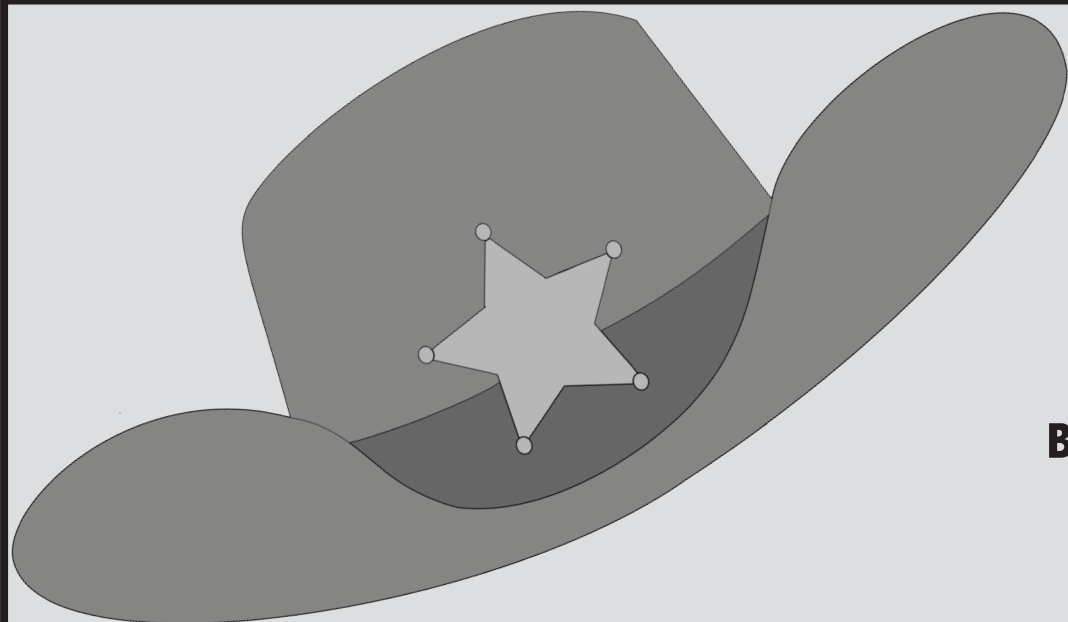
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# NEW COP ON THE BLOCK

## Broward county appoints first black Sheriff

Asilah Golaub  
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**A**fter Sheriff Scott Israel's suspension due to his lack of action in the response to the Parkland massacre, newly elected governor Ron DeSantis appointed Gregory Tony of Coral Springs as the new Sheriff for the Broward County Police department.

This makes Tony the first black sheriff to be appointed in all of Broward county history. The decision was made on Jan. 11, seven days after former Sheriff Israel was suspended. This choice was made due to the fact that after the Parkland shooting, many deputies and other officials failed to respond hastily in the situation and proved hesitant in their responsibilities.

When asked to respond as to why the suspension took place, Governor Desantis cited in his executive order that Israel failed in his duties to properly train new deputies and maintain a vigilant nature when it came to said training. Among other things, Desantis mentioned that if the department possessed stronger leadership, "the massacre might never would have occurred."

Many families whose children fell victim to the

Parkland shooting also directed their blame towards Israel's department in their response to the situation. Many claimed that the deputies handled the situation with confusion and chaos. Coral Springs police department response however showed courage and vigor when it came to responding to the situation and taking immediate action. Coral Springs officers reported that they faced routine training on how to handle gunfire and how to respond appropriately to it, as they showed when they ran into the school to protect the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school. The sheriff's deputies made little to no advances to enter the school.

Tony who originates from Philadelphia received a masters degree in criminal justice at Nova Southeastern University and later attended Florida State University where he played football. He began working as a police officer for Coral Springs and held employment there for over a decade. He later left the agency and gained a position as a sergeant, during this time he gained vast shooter knowledge and experience.

Along with that, Tony and his wife Holly,

a nurse, operate Blue Spear Solutions, an active shooter training program that provides assessments on schools. Tony says the focal point of the program is to prepare immediate responders (bystanders, the victims, the civilians) the necessary tools to help themselves in harmful situations.

The parents of the victims have also voiced their approval of the newly appointed sheriff. They hold high hopes that the department now holds great leadership that they know they can rely on.

With Tony's expertise as the president of Blue Spear Solutions, he proves an important tool to provide information on handling situations involving active shooters and mass casualties, which proves knowledge the BSO previously lacked. As it is at the moment Tony will serve out the rest of Sheriff Israel's term which ends in the year 2020, unless Israel is successful in getting reinstated (although this proves highly unlikely).

Tony's new appointment as Broward Sheriff remains effective immediately, and the county proves more than ready to accept him with open arms.

# BRACED FOR THE FUTURE

## Students look to FAFSA and their BRACE advisor for help planning how to fund their futures

Sebastian Paula  
OPINION EDITOR

**A**s the year comes to a close, and high school seniors start to finalize the school they intend to go to, the preparation for college life seems to end. However, the groundwork that most students must set in order to drift through college smoothly has not ended. Specifically, the affordability of attending college tugs the minds of students regardless of their income.

As a result, students scour for tools that can assist them in this anxiety-inducing predicament. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) proves one of the most important and beneficiary tools for students facing this struggle.

Easily one of the most crucial steps that students and their families can take to pay for college, FAFSA provides applicants with several forms of financial aid. For example, if students intend to take federal loans, federal grants, or federal work-study, FAFSA can provide it. Although, applicants must complete their FAFSA form in order to gain eligibility in any of the following forms of financial aid.

The online FAFSA form remains the most popular

method to complete the process. Given that the physical form consists of more than 100 questions and its legacy of causing unwanted confusion remains intact, the online variant's comprehensible material makes it favored above its physical counterpart. On average, the time it takes for dependent students to complete their form rests at about 40 minutes, and 20 minutes for independent students.

Students and parents can complete their FAFSA forms using different methods. For example, a physical copy of the form, known as the PDF FAFSA, requires applicants to fill it out manually. Furthermore, one of the most recent additions to the process makes it more accessible for many families to complete these requirements. The mobile version of FAFSA booted up on Oct. 1 of 2018, which gives students a sufficient amount of time to complete their 2019-2020 FAFSA applications. If neither of the following procedures fit the student's preferences, then that leaves the regular online FAFSA form.

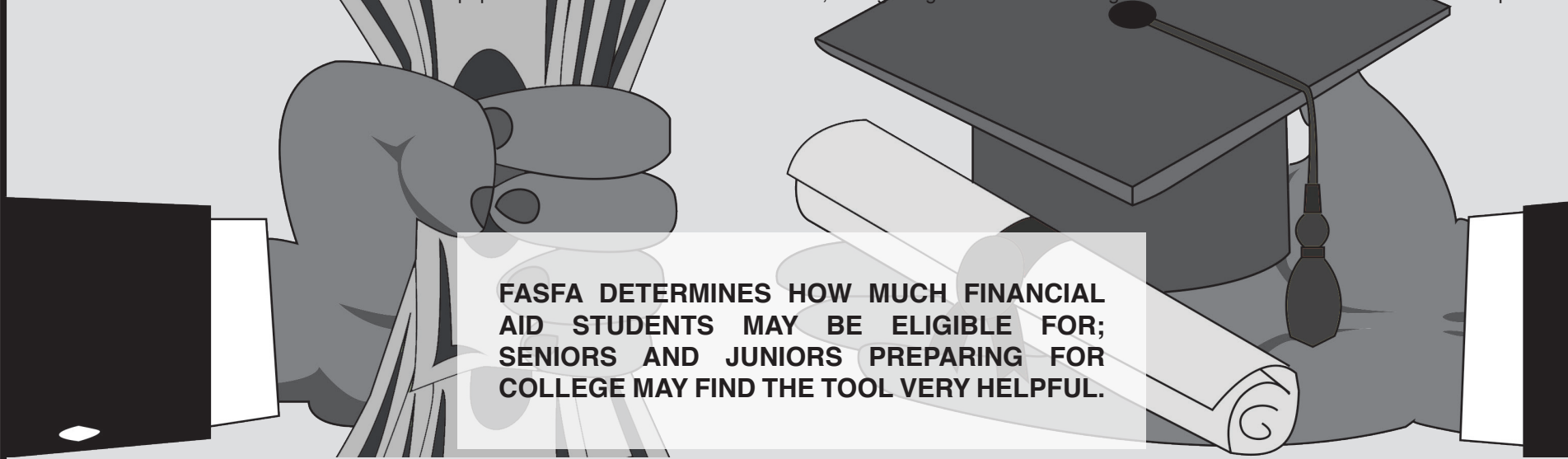
The final due date to enter any remaining FAFSA information lies on June 30, so getting started as

soon as possible remains in everyone's best interests.

Despite every student having the ability to complete the FAFSA, not everyone can receive the provided aid. Currently, families that earn an annual income of \$26,000 or less can automatically obtain federal aid. However, families with higher incomes still have the opportunity to obtain FAFSA benefits, but these services can vary.

"There is no explicit income cutoff," said college admissions and financial aid expert Mark Kantrowitz. "And different types of aid have different awarding criteria."

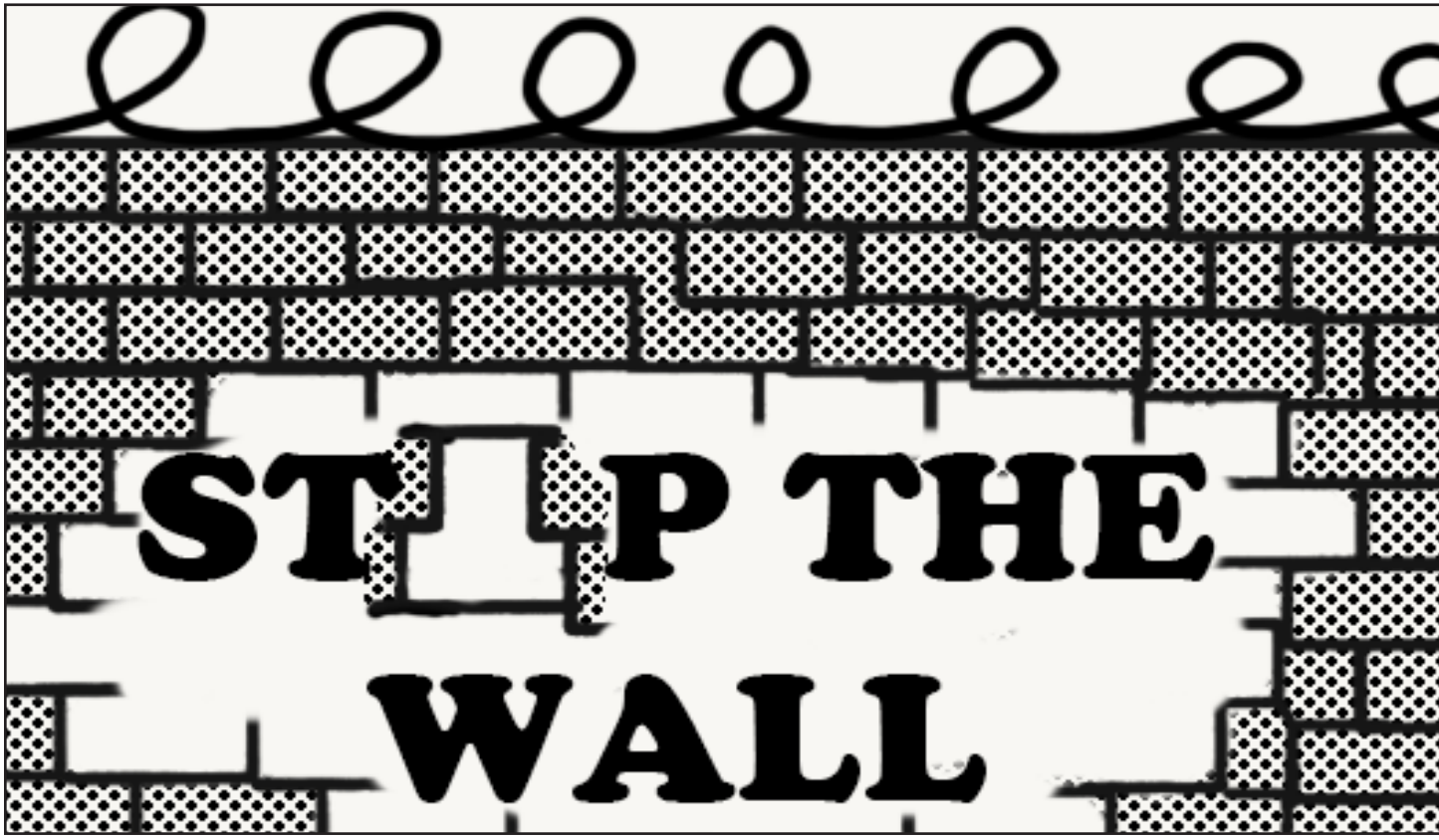
Regardless of whether a student or family believes they are capable of obtaining federal student aid or not, everyone should spend the time to complete their FAFSA forms. Taking the necessary effort to finish FAFSA, and inserting the required information in spite of how tedious it may become, can help the lives of students and their families as they attempt to make it through college. The possibility of getting aid exceeds the refusal to sign up over the belief that one remains ineligible for the rewards that FAFSA can provide.



**FAFSA DETERMINES HOW MUCH FINANCIAL AID STUDENTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR; SENIORS AND JUNIORS PREPARING FOR COLLEGE MAY FIND THE TOOL VERY HELPFUL.**

# OPINION

cartoon | Kylee Weener



## Crossing the line

Humanity holds onto a fear that traces back millions of years. Within every civilization and tribe, a fear of the other pushes the fight for survival. Even in the 21st century, fear of another country's actions drives politics and society as we know it.

This same fear powers the conversation about President Donald Trump's suggestion of a nearly 2,000 mile long wall along the Southwestern border of the United States. The Trump administration argues the necessity of the border wall. President Trump tweets wildly varying estimates of what illegal immigrants cost the federal government, citing a number somewhere near 200 billion. However, an analysis of President Trump's estimates by the Washington Post reveals he increases this estimate by nearly 10 billion dollars a day, with no evidence to back the claims.

Others claim to see increasing rates of crime and violent acts committed by illegal aliens. However, numerous studies seem to disprove this theory. Michael Light at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, finds that despite the tremendous jump in undocumented immigrants violent crime does not increase.

The truth itself proves simple; illegal immigrants do not produce a grave peril to the country, and even pay taxes for benefits only American citizens can receive. A border wall, rather, would present disastrous consequences for the environment, fails to prevent and remove illegal immigrants from overstaying a temporary visa, and only prevents South Americans from entering the country rather than those from other continents.

With nearly six types of ecosystems along the 2,000 mile stretch, ranging from desert scrublands to freshwater marshes, a wall could create devastating effects on the environments surrounding the wall. The wall could essentially halve the natural range of the 1,506 species native to the areas. It could also promote flooding in the same way that

the Bush administration fence would; trapping debris during rainfall and leading to large and incredibly damaging floods.

While the environmental impact of the wall remains a large concern, the wall's blatant ineffectiveness proves daunting. According the Center for Migration Studies, of the 515,000 immigrants to enter the undocumented population of the United States in 2016, 320,000 of those were people to overstayed their visas. This means that they entered the country legally and stayed in the the U.S. despite their documents having expired. With this in mind, a clear relationship can be drawn between the border wall and absolute redundancy.

However, one clear issue remains with the wall: its symbolism against immigrants of color. A wall at the southwestern border of the United States would only prevent Latin American immigrants from entering the country. Many argue that immigrants coming into the United States to birth their children so they may obtain the benefit of dual citizenship, known constitutes an abuse of the system. With as many as 36,000 of these children born in the United States annually, it proves harder to overlook the growing number of Europeans and Asians participating in the practice. Reports of increasing numbers of Russian women coming to the U.S. to birth their children are emerging, and are even welcomed by programs such as "AmeriMama" by New Jersey's Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center. The stark difference between the treatment of white immigrants and immigrants of color shocks many.

With the preferential treatment to white immigrants, the environmental travesty it could cause, and the redundancy of the wall, a monstrous question can be posed. Is the wall truly for the benefit of American citizens, or a symbol of our disregard to the ideals that literally built the infrastructure and democracy of our nation?

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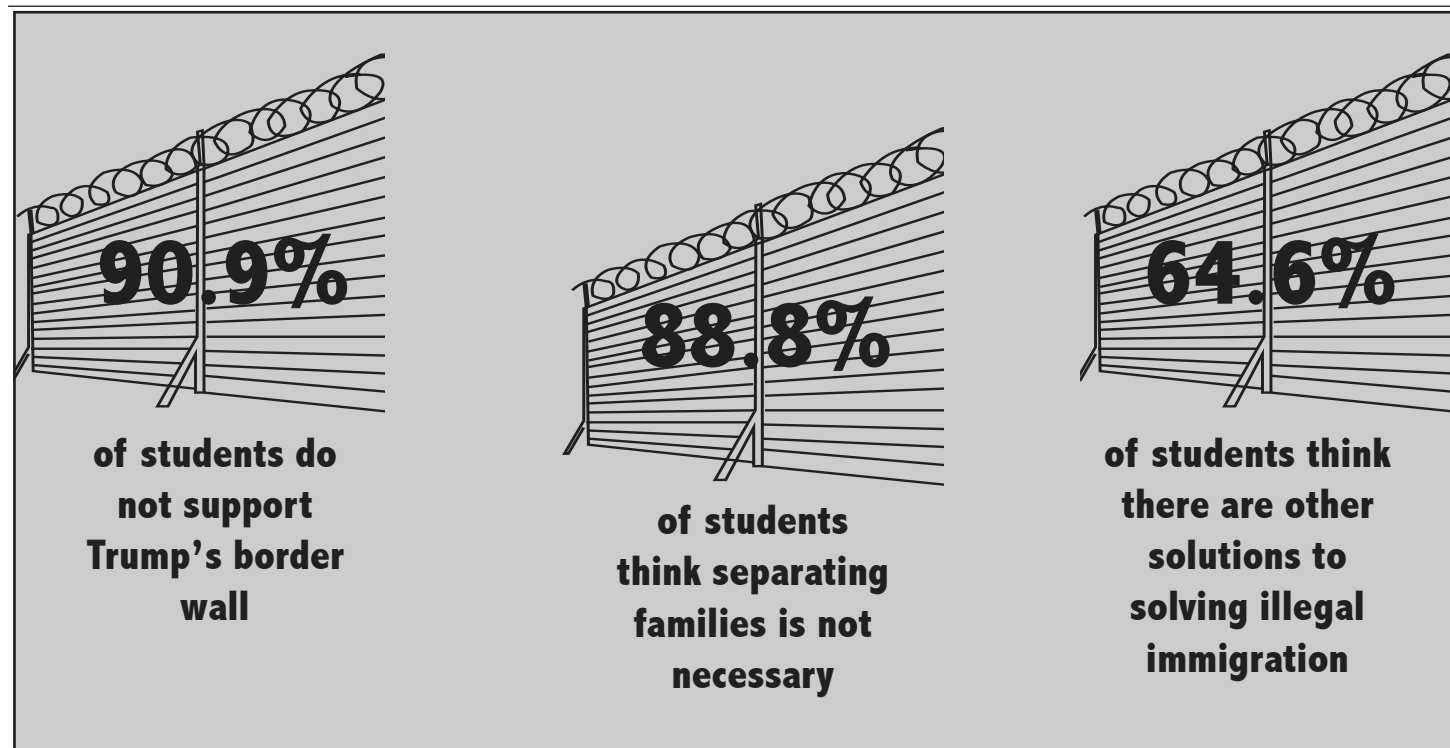
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# Catching Z's or catching F's

## Debate rises over students not getting enough sleep for school

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NEWS EDITOR

While numerous scientific studies prove that students do not get enough sleep and should not wake up at the times they do, implementing changes to make school start later will not eradicate this problem. At first glance, the idea of school starting later and children having more time in the mornings to sleep, eat breakfast, and leisurely get ready sounds amazing. But, students still need to be in classrooms learning for the same amount of time everyday, so the supposed solution will make the school day finish later.



*Kailey Norusis is News Editor for The Prowl. Norusis believes that school should not start later since it causes more harm to kids.*

If school was pushed back only two hours, then that would mean that the school day would end at

almost five o'clock. Then, staying after school for an hour for clubs and other activities, students would not get home until about six o'clock. For example, one of the biggest issues that students will face as a result of these actions will be the impact on their jobs. Many occupations will not remain willing to hire students if they can only work for such a minimum amount of time.

Furthermore, with less time after school, students will hardly have enough space in their schedule to complete their inevitable homework. Depending on the severity of the student's workload, they could stay up past midnight trying to finish assignments or study for a test. As it stands, many students wake up earlier

on a day-to-day basis to finish up assignments or look over their notes.

Some people may argue that students do not start their homework as soon as they get home. Instead, they watch television or socialize with friends. Yet despite the truthfulness behind these statements, the only message it conveys proves that all they should do is study. Of course there are times before certain tests that students need to buckle down and alleviate distractions. However, a teenager's life should also consist of other factors excluding their educational future.

Every student wishes that they could press the snooze button on their alarm clock and get an extra ten minutes of sleep. Regardless, in reality school should start at the same time that it does now. Starting school later would coddle kids that will soon become adults.

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The Bloody Truth



Valentine's Day has nationally and internationally been known as a day of love and romance. Lovers exchange cards, chocolates, balloons, and flowers as an ostentatious display of puppy love. These grand gestures commemorate the holiday and results in extensive compensation for businesses before (and even on Valentines day, for any procrastinators). Although, the real holiday may be Feb. 15, when all of the chocolate is 75 percent off.

The first real memory most people have of Valentine's day is in kindergarten when students decorate boxes to put their valentine cards in. This sweetly innocent tradition morphs in middle school and high school anarchy when students have the opportunity to buy a rose, a small sweet, or even a singing gram, to be passed out for a crush or significant other. The tradition becomes even worse as teens grow into adults, when they feel obligated to shower their significant other with jewelry, chocolate, and other presents as a display of the volume of their love for that person. People have come to let a display of affection on one day define their entire relationship, or allow themselves to be bitter and lament that they are not in a relationship. While the holiday does have a genuine origin, it has alter so much over the centuries that it is completely and utterly unrecognizable from what it once was.

Most people are somewhat aware of the origins of the holiday. They are shrouded in mystery, but two legends dominate. The first being of a Catholic living during Pagan Rome, at the time that Christians were persecuted. A Christian was arrested and sentenced to death. Prior to his execution, he was placed in a jail cell, where he fell in love with his jailor's daughter. On the day of his execution, he was said to have sent the girl a note addressed, "from your Valentine," an expression commonly used today. The day he was executed became known as Valentine's day.

The other legend told is that Emperor Claudius II declared men would be better soldiers if they did not have wives and children waiting for them at home. So, he passed the law that young men could not marry, but they must become soldiers instead (he obviously did not understand the importance of keeping up the population, in order to ensure an army for the next generation). The Catholic priest Valentinus would marry young couples in secret and help them escape persecution. The priest was ultimately discovered and became known as a martyr (known in the Catholic church today as Saint Valentine).

While all of this may be true, the more accurate origin of Valentine's day is a Pagan holiday known as Lupercalia. This was essentially a fertility ritual in Rome. The ritual consisted of a sacrifice of a goat (for fertility) and a dog (for purification). They would bleed the animals and then strip the hides. The priests would coat the hides in the blood and proceed to slap the woman, as well as crop fields, to ensure fertility for the year.

When Catholicism began to dominate the country, the Vatican began to "Christianized" many holidays, along with this one. The origins of Valentine's Day should not affect the celebration of the holiday today. But instead, should allow people to take the holiday for what it truly is and for what it is not. Valentine's Day should not in anyway affect one's self esteem. It also should not serve as validation that a significant other loves you, because if someone needs this validation, then they probably do not love you.

-Information recieved from History.com

# Falling into debt and defiance

## Students face risk of obligations for lacking identification

Emlyne Francois  
STAFF WRITER

With the lurking threat of a school shooting, our school has taken initiative into making safety a priority. The hiring of new security personnel, single point entry into the school, and the requirement of wearing an ID while on school property points out only a few of the initiatives taken to minimize any future damages. With these new policies, the administration hopes to make the school environment safer and more productive. Specifically, wearing IDs has the administration's utmost attention as they attempt to make it mandatory for students to consistently display it on their person everyday on campus. At first, these IDs and lanyards were given to the students at no charge, but now if you forget or lose your current ID you must go



*Emlyne Francois is a staff writer for The Prowl. Francois believes that wearing IDs to school is more like a punishment than a safety procedure.*

into the media center and purchase a new one for five dollars, even if you just left it at home that day. If one cannot pay, it turns into an obligation. Consequently, it can prevent you from going on school trips, dances, and even graduating.

Many students feel as if these consequences makes the requirement of IDs unfair and unnecessary, and many of these new policies seem more like a punishment instead of something that makes the school safer. Instead of getting the people in charge to pass legislation that would actually prevent these tragedies or spend the money to make the school safer, they punish students for forgetting a piece of plastic. Many students also feel as if the IDs prove ineffective due to the fact that a supposed shooter can go inside the school while wearing an ID like everyone

else. The IDs seem like a distraction or a facade of safety because it would not prevent the tragedy from happening.

Not only do they charge for new IDs, they overcharge and rip students off. An ID costs five dollars to replace, but in reality it does not cost that much to produce one. In fact, it costs around 20 to 50 cents to print an ID. Additionally, they also overcharge for lanyards, costing about five dollars, although they are not mandatory to buy and you could purchase your own. The most disturbing truth points towards the fact that our school would try to profit off of "safety" measures that resulted from a tragedy.

Although printing IDs needs funding, overcharging students makes it deplorable. A student's mistake should not result in an needless obligation. It feels as if administration takes advantage of a horrifying situation. At this point in time we should try to eliminate fruitless policies so we can get to the root of the issue. Overpaying for a piece of worthless plastic remains the definition of absurd.

# Working hard or playing hard?

## Take your child to work day sparks debate on its effectiveness

Makayla Joyce  
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 1, parents get the ability to take their children to work with them. As a result, students get excited due to the fact that they miss a day of school. At first, the intended purpose of this day remains to expose daughters and sons to future job possibilities, give them a glimpse of the working world, and show them the value of education. Allowing young children to understand and envision what their future may hold allows them to understand adulthood and start making steps to their goals so they can have a successful future.



*Makayla Joyce is a staff writer for The Prowl. Joyce believes that Take Your Child to Work Day is still useful regardless of its negative connotations.*

Although this day may seem very beneficial to the younger generations, there remains some that find it disruptive to those who intended on getting work done properly without the interference of young children. The

possible distractions provided by these children, such as needless screaming and complaining, makes it so that the surrounding workers cannot perform to the best of their abilities. Despite that, it opens up children to see a glimpse of adulthood and will understand the unfortunate reality that they will have to work one day and life cannot remain as easygoing as they may believe. Children will see some of the worst parts of the workplace and may associate this with negative results, such as stress.

However, the main issue that lingers behind the whole purpose of this day is that children get to stay home. Students tend to associate Take Your Child to Work Day as a free opportunity to remain in their household, relax, and completely ignore the importance of this tradition.

Currently, hardly anyone actually goes to their parents' work anymore. Realistically, parents and children do not want the hassle of staying in each other's company for the entirety of the day. Most parents cannot concentrate when they need to focus on their jobs and take care of their children at the same time, and kids may get bored if nothing gets assigned to them.

Although many negative aspects to the tradition remains prevalent, the positives completely outweigh the negatives. The current generation of children move at a faster pace than the older ones. For example, elementary students already think of their future career paths, college choices, and started to take steps in achieving their goals. This day teaches students about good work ethic, life lessons, creates a stronger bond with parents, and allows children to look up to their parents and understand how much they really do for their children. Overall, the influence that this special day provides children makes it worth keeping around.

# FIGHTING FOR THEIR RIGHTS

## Teachers and students protest for a better educational system

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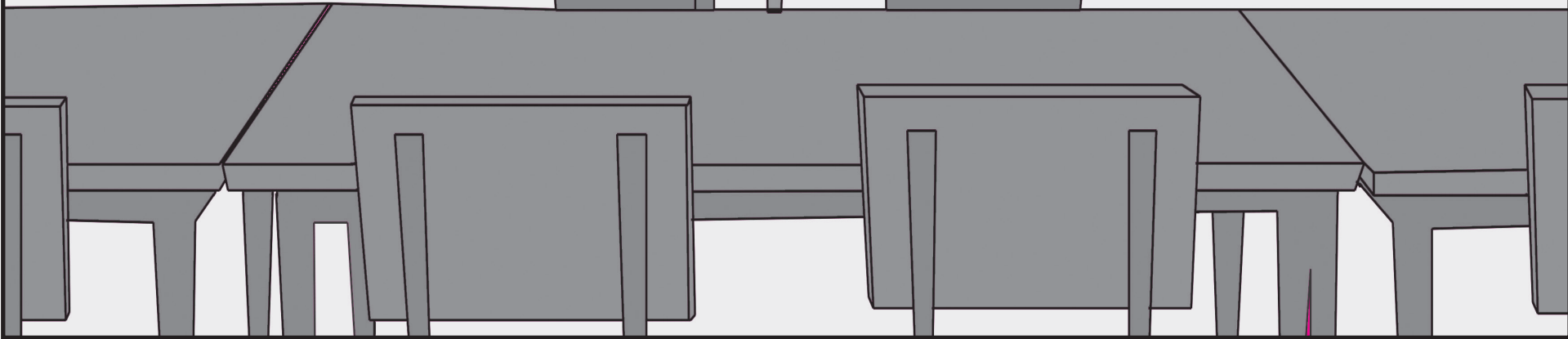
The unfortunate truth that teachers remain greatly underappreciated for all of the work they do to ensure the futures of tomorrow's leaders proves no surprise to anyone. Sparked by the first teacher strike to ever occur throughout the entire nation, aggravated Los Angeles educators and members of the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) once again draw attentions to the harsh working reality of many teachers throughout the United States. Some of the biggest issues addressed in these strikes focus on poor pay, class sizes, and staffing.

Many public school teachers, earn an average salary of \$63,000, according to salary.com. However, these teachers in LA were receiving an outrageous \$40,000 on average, amongst dealing with less than impressive teaching conditions within their schools. This income ranks them as some of the worst-paid teachers in the country. Having grown tired of this unreasonable treatment, teachers struck back against those

in charge of determining their pay. These strikes followed an outbreak of protests that rose up through other states such as West Virginia, Arizona and Oklahoma.

For many teachers, supporting themselves on such a weak salary proves difficult. Teachers refused to show up to work, and left their superiors to scramble to find temporary, equally underpaid, replacements. Of course, many teachers found themselves supported by their children, with thousands of students remaining home or even joining their instructors in their peaceful protests.

Teachers demanded a 6.5% increase in their salaries and smaller class sizes to improve the quality of education their students received. They proved determined to earn more appreciation, respect and acknowledgement for the dedication and effort put into shaping the minds that will shape the future of this nation. As more money continues to be allocated to the wrong people and efforts, it proves that those who suffer stand up and demand fair treatment and decent living and work conditions.



## Letters to the Editor

### Full Coverage

"It provides me with incite on today's actual news cycle since I don't watch the actual news. Also, you should consider making it electronic."

Aishah Saintlot  
*senior*

### Loud and Clear

"The publication allows the student body to voice their concerns on issues from security to funding."

Derek Sands  
*senior*

### Up-to-Date

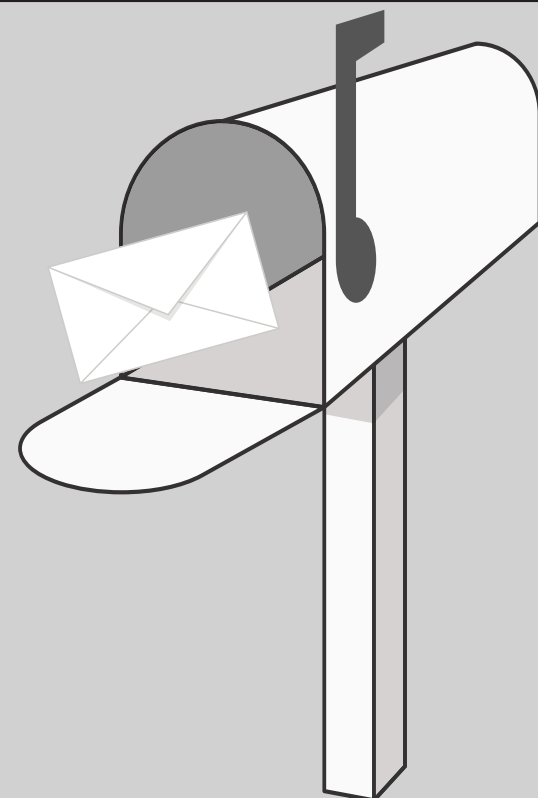
"The newspaper gives great information for what is going on with clubs, while also providing updates on the current events in the world."

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*senior*

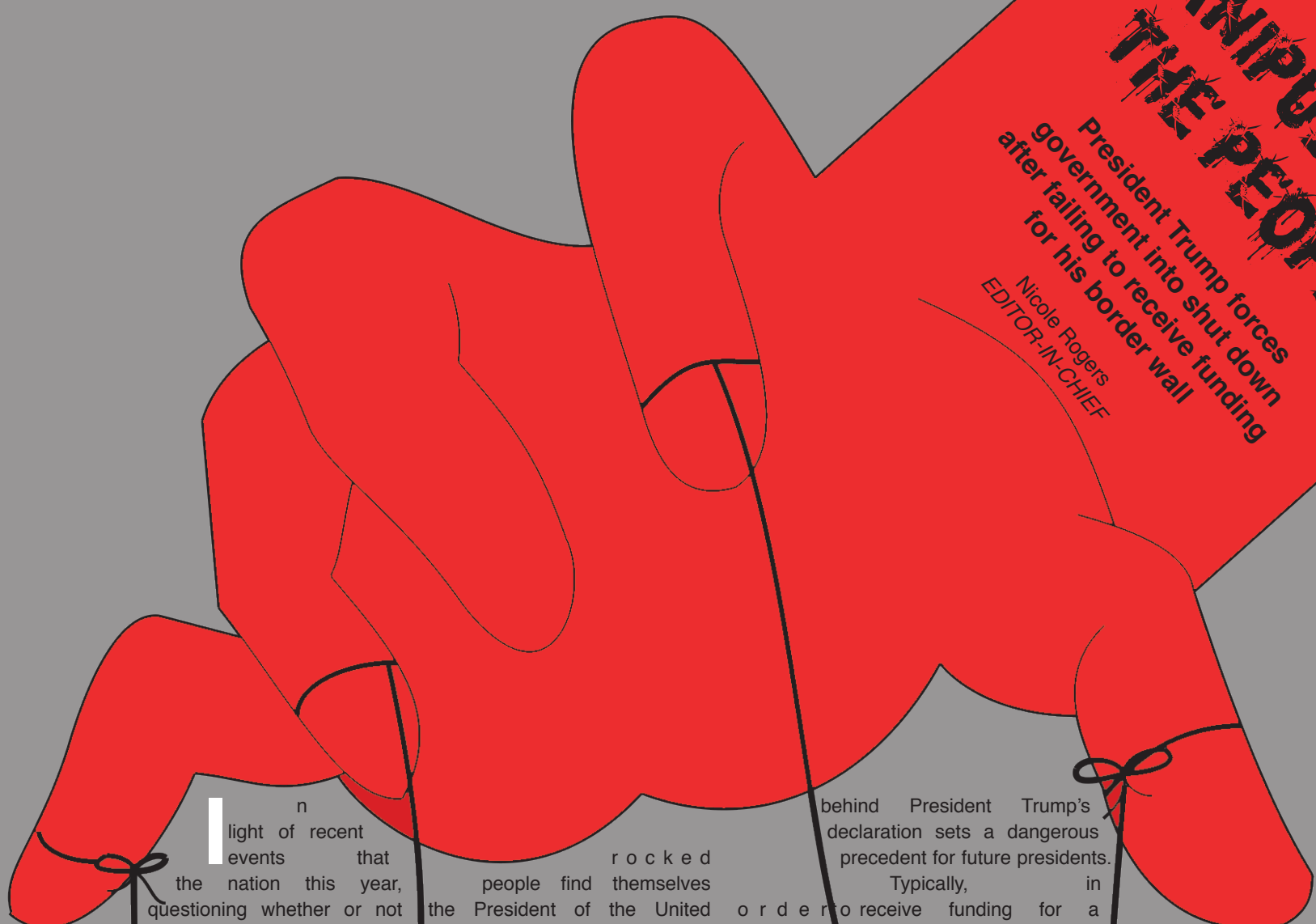
### Come One, Come All

"The Prowl brings great recognition to the clubs and their events. It encourages students to come to the events and to be open to more options."

Brielle Bickford  
*junior*



**MANIPULATING THE PEOPLE**  
 President Trump forces government into shut down after failing to receive funding for his border wall  
 Nicole Rogers  
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



In light of recent events that rocked the nation this year, people find themselves questioning whether or not the President of the United States holds too much power.

Posing the very real concern of the amount of Executive authority held by the POTUS proves neither new or surprising. Since arriving in office, President Trump proves from hesitant to call upon his powers as the leader of the nation to get what he wants. His recent record-breaking government shutdown and declaration of a national emergency to drive conversation on the building of a border wall serve as clear proof of this abuse of power. Using the citizens of the United States who work government jobs and families "devastated" by the supposed negative consequences of immigration as pawns to urge the Democratic party to give in to his demands, the President proved more than willingly to do whatever it takes to achieve his goals; no matter who gets hurt in the process.

Citing fact after innacurate fact, the Preisdent used the State of the Union address to futher criminalize hispanic immigrants and showcase the reasons as to why the country needs stricter border security. While he was quickly fact-checked by experts, he certainly managed to cause some damage with these lies, further perpetuating immigrants as nothing but criminals and free-loaders.

The President's ultimate declaration of a national emergency did not fail after not receiving the support he desired to set off a wave of controversy.

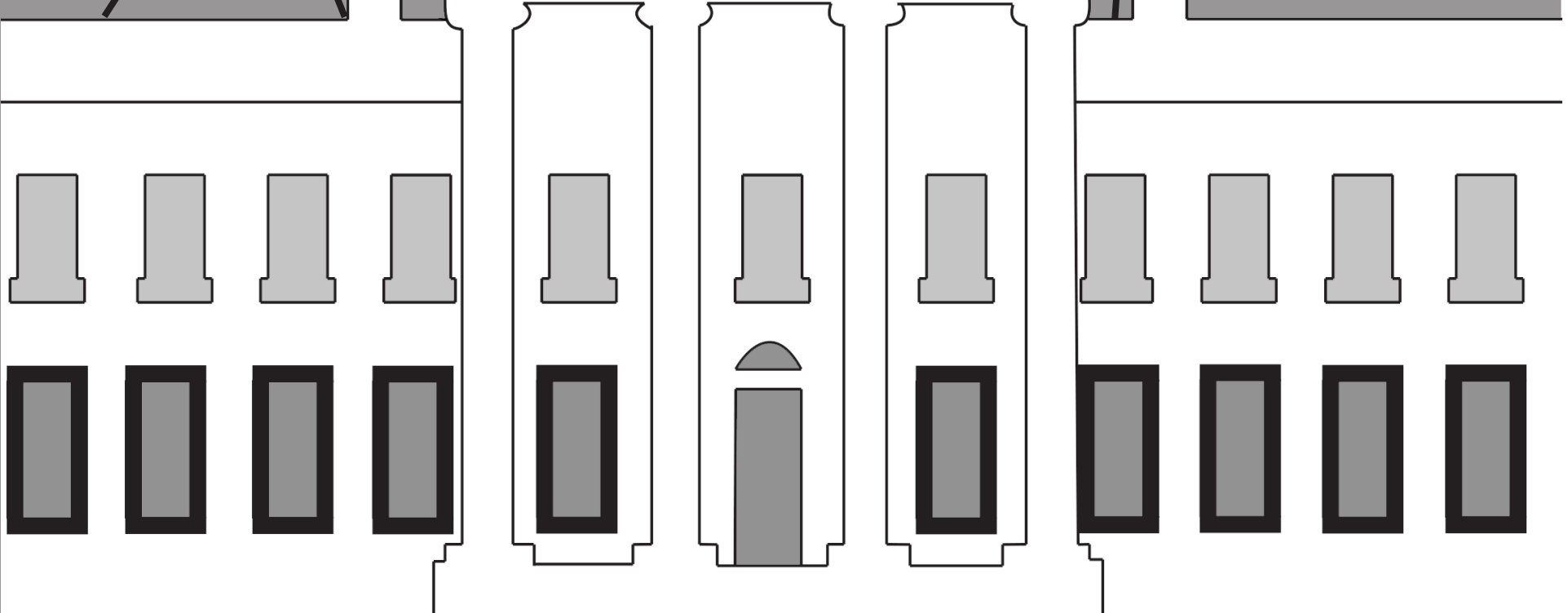
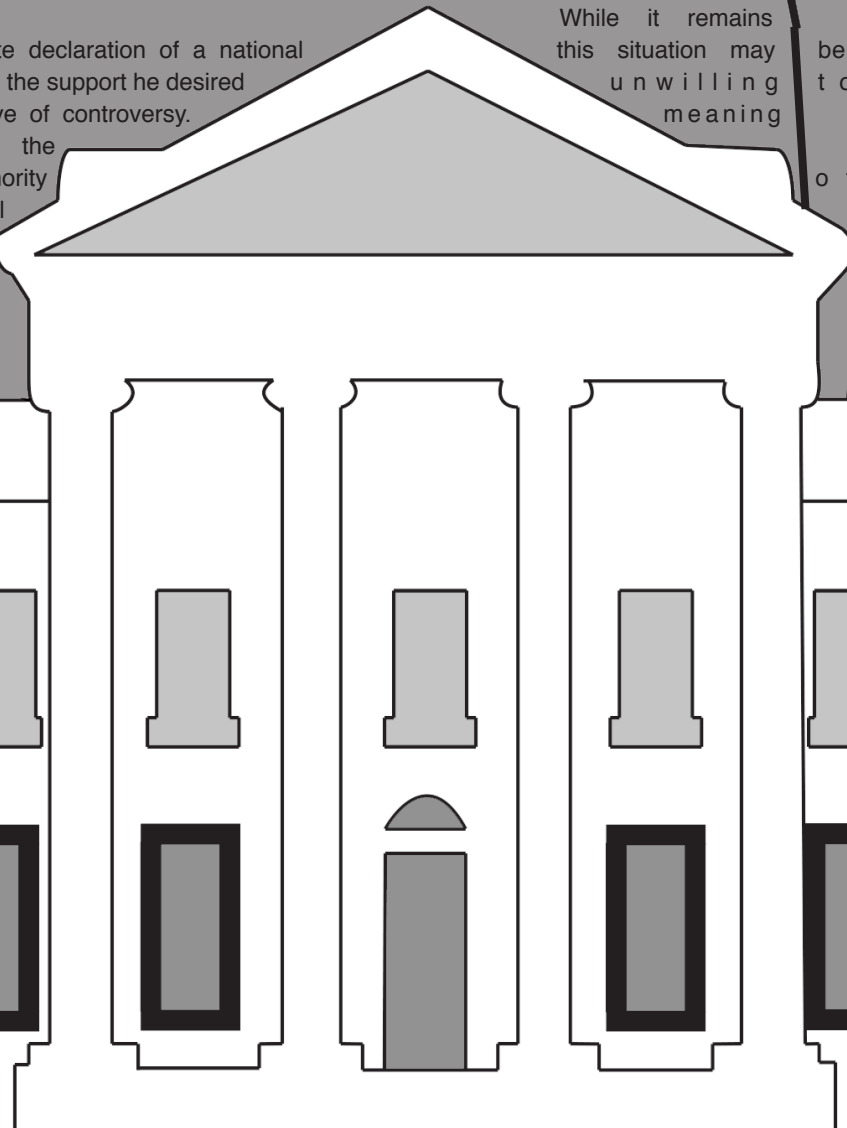
While the POTUS does have the authority to declare a national emergency, the reasoning

behind President Trump's declaration sets a dangerous precedent for future presidents.

Typically, in order to receive funding for a program meant to resolve the cause of a national emergency, to be evidence validating a Currently, the border situation does not constitute as a threat to national security. If anything, building a border wall poses a bigger threat to the country's economic, environmental and social well-being than its current immigration system does.

Of course, President Trumps declaration of a national emergency garnered quick resposnes of outrage from multiple states. Protests broke out across the nation, starting in New York, and popping up throughout multiple other states. The declaration was also met with multiple lawsuits filed on of the emergency, and a lack of documentation backing the President's decision. Some of the groups who filed these lawsuits include the advocacy group Public Citizens on behalf of three Texas landowners and an environmental protection organization, as well as another advocacy group called Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics for a lack of documentation provided to the public. While these were two of the first groups to file, over sixteen states filed lawsuits against the President's administration for the declaration.

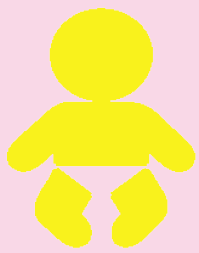
While it remains unclear what the outcome of this situation may be, citizens and states alike prove unwilling to accept the declaration sitting down, meaning the President may face quite a difficult time achieving the building of his unnecessary and costly wall.



# IT'S TIME TO HAVE "THE TALK"

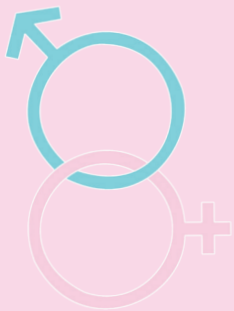
## Shining a light on the consequences of a lack of sexual education in schools

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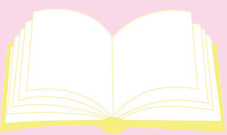
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give birth to babies in their adolescent years.



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of schools allowed students to be exempted from sex ed classes.



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states in the entire nation require sex education to be medically accurate.

The primary job of the school system remains to educate students.

Unfortunately, for the comfort of students and teachers alike, this also applies to sex education. The public school system has taken up the job of educating students on sexual topics, starting in the later years of elementary providing an explanation to students on what happens to their bodies in subsequent years during the difficult time of puberty.

However, the discussion between students and teachers on the topic of sex ed becomes much more awkward and much more controversial as each year passes.

In recent years, the topic of controversy reached its peak over exactly how teachers should teach these classes, specifically in high school. The ideal situation for adults to not have to worry about teenagers engaging in sexual intercourse proves unrealistic, as teenagers possess the same urges and hormones as adults do, if not more so.

The debate continues over whether sexual education classes should educate students from an abstinence only perspective or from a purely academic and scientific perspective.

While sex education remains present in certain schools, different states contain a variety of policies when it comes down to what teachers should teach their students about the subject. Some states make it mandatory for sex education to take place in schools while others refuse to allow it. Unlike the majority of states that have an extensive course on sex education, Floridian schools find sex education obsolete to the point where it cannot continuously remain mandatory.

However, if the subject prevails, then these schools may only stress abstinence. Abstinence-only education teaches students to save sex for marriage and does not touch on the more important subjects students should know, such as the proper use of birth control and safe sex.

Studies show that abstinence-only sex education fails in delaying sexual initiation and reducing sexual risk

behaviors. This form of sex education also fails in improving reproductive health outcomes and the effectiveness of comprehensive sex education in increasing condom use and decreasing teen pregnancy rates.

This form of educating students could prove the reason why Miami-Dade and Broward counties lead the nation in new HIV infections. Just in Miami, the HIV infection rates prove nearly four times the average nationwide.

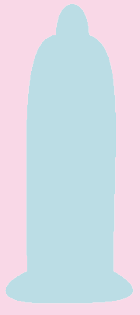
There have been 54 diagnoses of the virus for every 100,000 people according to the reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Most of the people infected with HIV remain unaware of their diagnosis which means the epidemic proves severely underestimated. Most schools around the country do teach students about STDs and HIV; however, they mostly take the angle of teaching students how to define them instead of teaching students how to protect themselves from these diseases.

The lack of proper sex education may prove a considerable part of the blame as to why these rising numbers affect the Miami-Dade and Broward county areas. This needs to change, and Florida schools need to really start teaching their students the important material currently ignored in sex education.

In an attempt to reduce the amount of sexual activity in teenagers, many schools switched to abstinence only sex education. While these programs stem from the right intentions, they usually fail horribly at their purpose.

These types of classes need to make it clear that while students may want to make a conscious decision to wait (whether for religious or emotional reasons), they still need an education on these topics so that if students do get themselves in a situation, then they can stay as safe as possible.

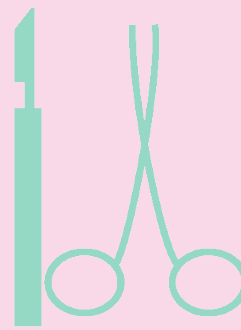




Condom

Condoms are about **85%** effective — that means about **15 out of 100** people who use condoms as their only birth control method will get pregnant each year.

-plannedparenthood.org



Surgical Modification

Tubal ligation is more than **99%** effective. This means that fewer than **1 out of 100** people who are sterilized will get pregnant each year.

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Female Condom

Female condoms are about **79%** effective — about **21 out of 100** people who use internal condoms as their main method of birth control will get pregnant each year.

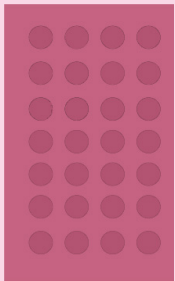
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Injection

The implant is more than **99%** effective. That means fewer than **1 out of 100** people who use Nexplanon will get pregnant each year.

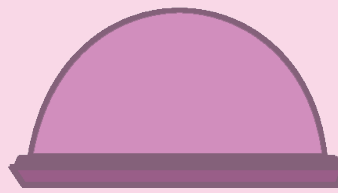
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Oral Contraception

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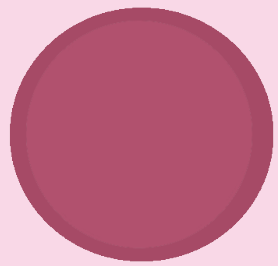
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Diaphragm / Cap

Diaphragms are about **88%** effective — that means about **12 out of 100** people who use a diaphragm will get pregnant each year.

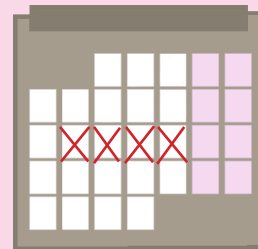
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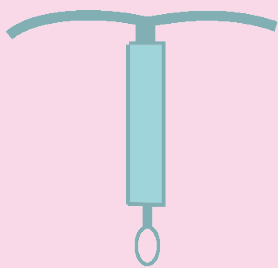
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Calendar Rhythm Method

FAMs are about **76-88%** effective: that means **12-24 out of 100** couples who use FAMs will get pregnant each year, depending on which method(s) are used.

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IUD

IUDs are one of the best birth control methods out there — **more than 99%** effective. That means **fewer than 1 out of 100** people who use an IUD will get pregnant each year.

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Vaginal Douche

Douching **does not prevent pregnancy**. It should **never** be used for birth control. Douching before or after sex **does not prevent STIs**.

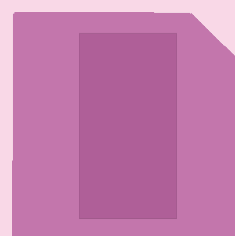
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Contraceptive Injection

the shot is about **94%** effective, because sometimes people forget to get their shots on time. So, in reality, about **6 out of every 100** shot users will get pregnant each year.

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Contraceptive Patch

For the average person, the patch is about **91%** effective. So **9 out of 100** patch users get pregnant each year.

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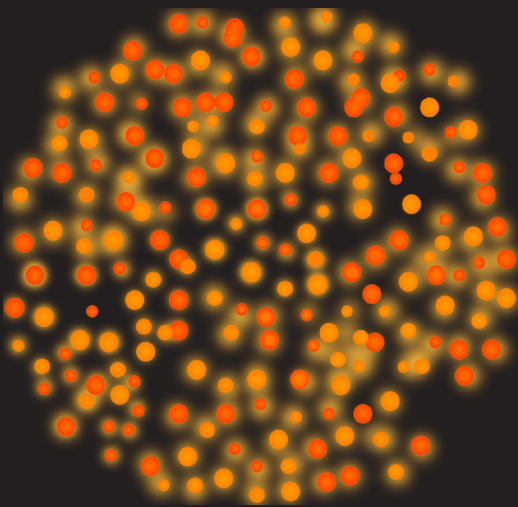
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# NEW YEARS

## resolutions

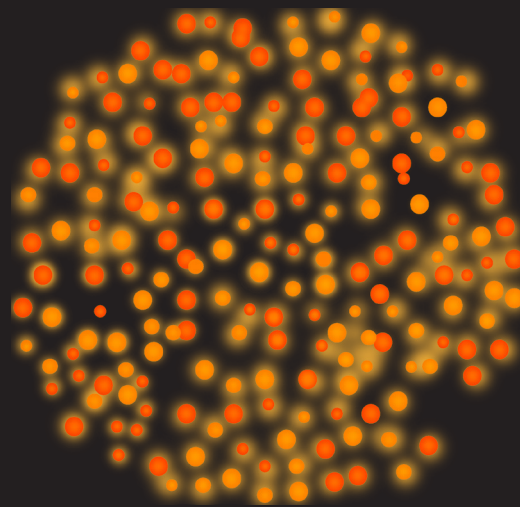
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**R**esolution is a word with numerous meanings. However, when exploring a New Year, a resolution is a promise people make to themselves to be better or do better. The person decides to make a serious effort to pursue improvement of the next 12 months. Countless individuals use the start of the new year as a time to experiment with something new or alter something about themselves. This use of resolution dates back to the late 1700s. These earlier resolutions were usually of a religious nature. However, these days, New Year's resolutions are usually about healthier lifestyles, success and finding greater satisfaction in life. Losing weight by exercising or dieting are examples of living a healthier lifestyle. For those seeking more success in life, going back to school to complete a degree or saving money are positive instances for this desired change. In many cases, there are few individuals that actually stick to and/or fulfill the resolution over the course of the year. About 77 percent of people who commit to a New Year's resolution last a week. Only eight percent of people who make New Year's resolutions will actually accomplish those goals in a timely fashion--if ever.



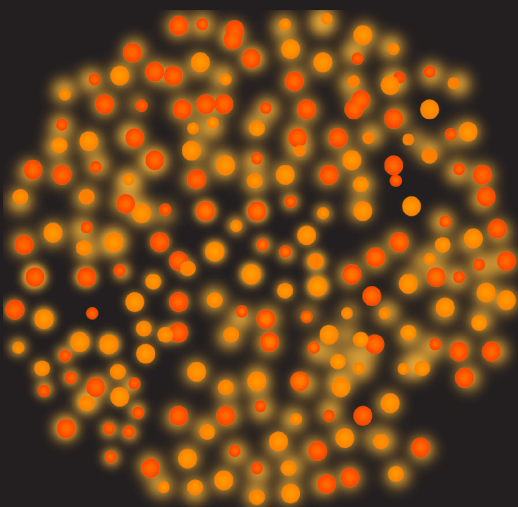
“ My goal for this year is to get into better shape and to try to be more organized, ”

- junior Felipe Gonzales



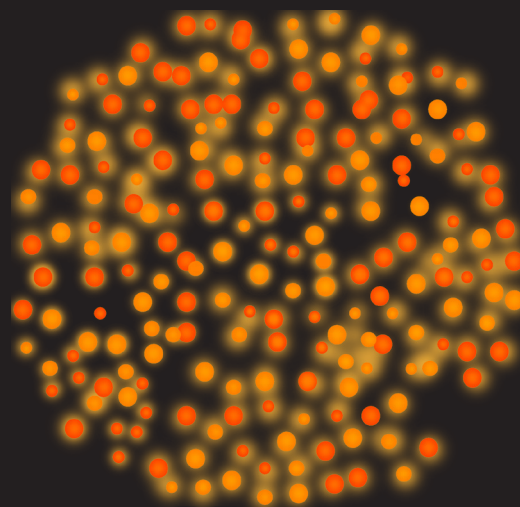
“ This year I really want to get more involved in my clubs and improve my art, ”

- sophomore Kylee Weiner



“ My goal for this year is to finish my senior year strong and take summer classes to get ahead, ”

- senior Brianna Sylvain



“ This year I want to work on my confidence and get more involve with my drama class and take on bigger roles, ”

- freshman Giovanni Martinez

# Making medical miracles

HOSA students take home the medal after attending their districts competition

Chloe Dumas & Xena Menezes

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**H**OSA Future Health Professionals believe in encouraging young individuals who plan to pursue a future in the medical field. These students also compete to become the best medical professionals possible to lead the future.

One way this can be accomplished proves through HOSA competition. Since the beginning, advisor Nancy Boulger and the officer team discussed the importance of selecting a competition that proves best suited for the competitor's skillset. Competition remains the best part of HOSA, as participating students receive the opportunity to network and meet regional, state, and international officers.

In preparation for competition, weekly competition camps were conducted for senior members and officers. Advisors assisted students with portfolios, skills, and presentations. During these camps, students learned how to apply and remove sterile gloves, fix hospital beds, what to do in emergency situations, and so much more. The officers helped students study medical terminology, created scenes for Public Service Announcements (PSA), and reviewed guidelines. They also reinforced the strict dress code students must follow when attending competition.

The competitions consists of two basic components: testing and skills. Some students partake in both for their event, while others only have to take a test. Competition day proves to be stressful for many students due to the nerve-wracking feeling in the air for events.

Many students prepare for competition day differently. For example, my team personally made sure that each member looked identical and uniformed for our event.

Serving as my fourth year competing at HOSA regionals, this proved normal. Of course, the fact that I attended competition all four years of high school only increased this pressure.

Waiting proves the worst part of competition, especially after presenting to the three judges. Members anxiously wait for the awards ceremony to ensure a spot for states. At the awards ceremony, the top 5 in each category is announced and awarded, but only the top three advanced to states. After so much time and preparation went into the event, my team and I found ourselves waiting anxiously in the auditorium seats as we waited for the awards.

Finally, the judges announced my team. As we walked across the stage to collect our First-Place medals, the rest of our attending HOSA class applauded us.

Seeing as states comes soon, myself and many other students prove more than ready to end this year with a huge success.



**SWEET VICTORY:** HOSA winners junior Misha Thomas, senior Xena Menezes, and sophomore Vanessa Dos Santos smile for the camera with their shiny new medals. *photo by Nancy Boulger*

# Making rolemodels

New model UN club proves a hit amongst students

Shelbey Stott & Gloria Greenfield

GUEST WRITER/PUBLICITY MANAGER



**REPRESENTING THE FUTURE:** Sophomores Caleb Wong and co-founder Maddison Stauffer represent the Model UN club as incoming and current students determine their next move on their high school career path. *photo by Shelbey Stott*

**T**he United Nations (UN) began in 1945 with the simple mission of maintaining peace and security among countries in the alliance. The UN deals with possibilities of conflict and war with non-participating UN countries, world hunger, environmental changes and factors, and many more conflicts.

However, a new and upcoming club, Model United Nations (Model UN) consists of students that take a deep interest in foreign policies and conflicts. Model UN was founded by sophomores Shelbey Stott and Madisson Stauffer. Every first and fourth Friday of every month, Model UN meets in either advisors Roxanne Brissett or Daniel Alonso's rooms to discuss upcoming competitions, respectful disagreements, and hold mock UN assemblies.

Model UN is an academic stimulation of the United Nations and a roll play of what actually occurs during a authentic meeting of foreign representatives participating in the

alliance. Students act as delegates from multitudes of different countries such as: the United States of America, the United Kingdom, France, Argentina, Belgium and numerous others.

Individuals attempt to solve real world issues with policies and perspectives of their assigned countries. For instance, one member may be assigned to the United Kingdom (UK) and resolve global concerns such as nuclear nonproliferation or climate change from the foreign policies and perspectives of the United Kingdom. This is where the student exchanges the complications to other participating students of countries and deliberate the aids and solutions.

Model UN provides an opportunity for students to employ skills in debate, investigate foreign policies and perspectives, and exceed their public speaking abilities. The club interests members to learn, teach and give peers a chance to advance expertises' in the arts of debating with a purpose to a crowd.

Model UN paves the way for members to succeed with the tools and confidence to compete in competitions amongst other high schools in Broward County. Due to Model UN being a fresh-faced club, there are not many participating members. However, the past meeting on Feb. 1, officers proved it is possible to receive a good turnout for attendance of meetings if students take an interest in the goals and concepts of the club.

"I am excited to learn and teach the club members about competition proceedings. The eagerness and overwhelming amounts of support of each student elates me," sophomore Shelbey Stott said. "This is very exciting and I cannot wait for this upcoming club to flourish."

Curriculum night took place on Tuesday, Jan. 29, where officers Stauffer and Wong enlightened incoming freshman and current underclassman of what Model UN is and the hopes for the club in the future.

Learning to research, communicate, and compromise well are life skills that Model UN will provide to those interested in using for the real world.



**M**ost known for charting the Top Billboards since 2016, Ariana Grande receives the title "America's Sweetheart," by its general consensus.

But what does the world do when the sweetheart makes a mistake? A big one, in fact. Her new single, "7 Rings," currently is a controversial topic for several reasons.

Black listeners were not appreciative of the lyrical message, and the video proved offensive to many. Also, Grande ultimately was accused of plagiarizing songs by Black artists Princess Nokia, Soulja Boy and 2 Chainz. These three artists all turned to social media to call out Grande for the new release.

Grande's latest single was released Jan. 18 and broke the Spotify all-time record for the most streams in a 24-hour period. Grande explains the actual perception of the song as "a drunken night where she ended up buying 7 rings from Tiffany's for her closest friends and herself."

Grande often parades her wealth and sings, "Whoever said money can't solve your problems must not have had enough money to solve em'." However, this is not the first instance Grande has discussed her success in a song. On her latest album, Sweetener, Grande wrote "Successful," to encourage women to rise upon the typical women stereotype and take pride in successes.

Initially, fans argued on whether the hit song was cultural appropriation. Unfortunately, this tradition usually involved white people adopting elements of black culture, but it could be about any culture that is explained. In the beginning of the promo for the music video soon to be released, Grande has Asian lettering placed.

As a response, many were baffled and wrote to Grande asking her to never pull a stunt like this again. Fans argued that the Asian lettering had nothing to do with the song nor affiliated to the singer. Despite the accusations, Grande shot back ensuring it was done for the "aesthetic" of the video.

The black community also showed offense to the song protesting that Grande tried too hard to sound African American. The lyrical aesthetic of the song was not to fix racism, but to add awareness to the fact that white women also wear weave.

The singer's misstep exists in the undeniable similarities between the refrain of the song, "I want it, I got it, I want it, I got it / You like my hair? Gee, thanks, just bought it," and Princess Nokia's "Mine." After listening to Grande's song, Princess Nokia posted an Instagram video proving that the song imitates her own. Then proceeds to utter, "Sound familiar? Ain't that the song I made about brown women and their hair? Hmm... sound about white." The similarities between the two are strikingly similar.

But of course, it does not stop there. Soulja Boy and 2 Chainz sampled their own melodies and noticed as well that the song was rigged from their own singles, "Pretty Boy Swag" and "Spend It." 2 Chainz also called out Grande for her pink-hued music video.

Declaring Grande even ripped off the idea of his Pink Trap house in which he promotes awareness for free HIV testing. This controversial topic in the music community initiated many critics trying to determine whether or not the song was stolen or simply influenced by these other artists. As everyone knows, Grande is influenced musically by African American, soulful singers such as: Aretha Franklin and Whitney Houston.

Apologetically, Grande responds with, "It was never my intention to offend anyone." Many fans still gave her backlash because it was seen to be a fake apology to deflect press. This kind of miscommunication is why it is dangerous for a white artist to appropriate Black art. White women are not going to solve racism by talking about their weaves, by plagiarizing Black rappers or by posting incomplete apologies in the comment section of an Instagram post.

Although she made a mistake, it does not mean that the world needs to stop listening to the sweetheart. Grande should be held accountable, and is obligated to formally apologize for copyrighting well-known artists hit songs-- possibly even buy them a few rings.

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**SOUL SINGING:** junior Julyette Vargas blank sings soulfully to the crowd at open mic night, sending chills down the audiences' spines. "I love to perform, and drama has really helped me get more into that passion," Vargas said. "Open mic night, for me, is just another way to perform and have fun with my friends." *photo by Zoey Vargas*

# Come one, come all

## Drama kids carry out another successful Open Mic Night

Mariel Pardo

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Troupe 6787 held their second annual Open Mic Night event in the Media Center for all to debut their talents to fellow drama club members, friends and family. Hosted by the Drama club's co-president Dailyn Robaina, the event proved a huge success and presented many performers from the club to audience members.

The night started with the Improv team delivering interesting jokes and games for the audience to engage in and laugh about prior to the performances. The Co-Improv Captain, junior Avery Donner and her Improv team performed comedic scenes and played an infamous game of Taxi Cab. Laughter consumed the Media Center after each scene came to an end.

Soon students and alumni signed up to perform covers and original songs. Senior Jeremy Sousa performed an original song titled

"Vortex of Pain." Sousa's candor performance sent chills down the audiences' spine as he poured emotion into his music.

"Open Mic Night allows me to become accustomed to smaller crowds to prepare performing my thoughts on a more proper stage," senior Jeremy Sousa said.

Alumni Blaine DeBerry delivered the crowd an energetic and a strong performance of "My Shot." DeBerry's performance was from the popular soundtrack of the Broadway musical "Hamilton." The song is known for its multiple roles. However, DeBerry performed every verse from each character with no break in between. The crowd appreciated the energy from the execution of the performance and interacted along with the theatrical show.

"Open Mic Night was a huge success. It was amazing to see everyone come out and give

amazing performances whether it was original or a cover," senior Lindsey Beyda said. "One of the most exciting things about these events is the overwhelming support and encouragement everyone gives each other. The only negative was not having enough time to fit everyone in to perform."

Open Mic Night also allowed teachers to support their fellow students' performances. Kyle O'Neil accompanied the crowd to support his Philosophy students who worked/performed in the Media Center. Ultimately, the night was filled with an overwhelming amount of talent. Students from all clubs and classes came together to support each other in their debut performances.

As they wrap up the school year and reminisce, drama students prove hopeful that they can spend the rest of their high school careers hosting and participating in even more.

# All for one and one for all

## Black Student Union club rapidly garners support from student body

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The Black Student Union (BSU) focuses on the building blocks of the black community. However, membership proves open to all students, not just those of the black community. No matter what gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or race, all are welcomed to participate in the discussion. Despite integration, civil rights gains, and living in an era of diversity and multiculturalism, people seek to find others like themselves as a means of establishing an identity in today's society. In this organization, a fun and safe environment engages students in discussions of current issues affecting students and surrounding communities. BSU hopes to educate members to then challenge all to take action, internally or externally. Based upon past generations, BSU desires to make the community proud, take charge of the future, dismantle negative stereotypes, build and secure a sense of community, and influence the world one step at a time. The vision for BSU remains to serve the community with cultural, educational, and social initiatives. With several goals in mind to build leaders, promote unity and contribute to student success.

During the last meeting, Jan. 31, President senior Amari Hodge and Vice President, senior Telease Bowen arranged a seminar in which the newest Student Resource Officer, Tim Burton, discussed a multitude of topics concerning student rights. BSU members paid close attention to the chats of the first, second and fourth

amendments when it comes to student involvement in schools. The BSU follows along the lines of the first amendment including: speech, press, assembly, and petition. Burton reviewed the importance of probable cause and the procedures for search and seizure. For instance, Burton would have probable cause to search a student for marijuana if the student smells anything like the drug. In addition, Burton talked through the approach to a potential crime. Bystanders are not obligated to engage in an active police investigation if they did not play a participating role during the offense.

"Our club is about breaking the gap between the minorities in the community," Bowen said. "I think it is important for the students to know their rights, especially in today's society concerning police brutality. It was interesting and insightful learning what to do in order to avoid firsthand instances."

After an information-filled meeting, Burton demonstrated the steps to putting someone in handcuffs and what to do during a pat down as an effort to connect with the attendees. BSU members soaked up the material and the officer put them to the test. Burton engaged in activities to demonstrate the members understanding of everything taught and reviewed. BSU officers hoped to educate members of the many circumstances, students can use these exercises to protect the individual rights of the community.



**(LEFT) LETS GET TOGETHER NOW:** Black student union club members pose for a group photo with newly hired Student Resource Officer Tim Burton. *photo by Cesar Delgado*



**(RIGHT) GETTING INFORMED:** Resource Officer Tim Burton speaks with members about their rights for a "Know Your Rights" campaign with fellow teacher Roxanne Brisset. *photo by Cesar Delgado*

# ANONYMOUSLY HEARD ON CAMPUS

Documenting iconic quotes said by students throughout the school

"Why do first and second quarter go by so fast, but third quarter last all four seasons of the year?"

"Why is spring break coming but it still feels like Winter whenever it rains, I didn't agree to the terms and conditions of global warming."

"Imagine my shock to find out that the school empanadas are decent. Miracles really do happen."

"All I wanted today was a muffin and they weren't selling and this is the reason why I'm depressed."

"Petition to officially change the term yearbook to tearbook. I should get paid for this."

"If one more fight breaks out in this school I'm officially asking to be home schooled. Either way I won't have a prom."

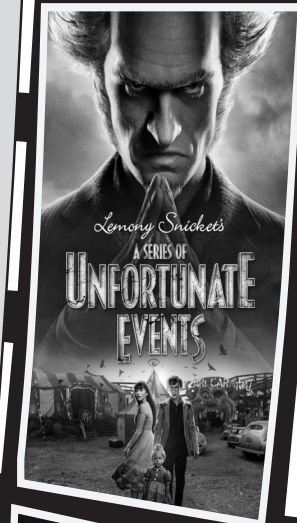


# ENTERTAINMENT

## 2019 COMING IN WITH WAVES OF ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment industry will be releasing major projects this year from movies to new Broadway musical

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**W**ith the new year upon us, the entertainment industry will be delivering artistic wonders and many awards for all to see. The film industry expects to become the leading component due to major projects being released this year.

In relation to film, Broadway will showcase two highly anticipated musicals that are adaptations of famous movies. New albums and TV shows will be released this year creating a surplus of entertainment for the common viewer.

To start off, Broadway will host three new musicals. Adapted from the one and only Tim Burton, the film "Beetlejuice" stars Michael Keaton and Winona Ryder. The first musical adaptation of this film will premiere on Broadway in March for all to see.

Another film adapted musical coming to Broadway, "Moulin Rouge," adapted from the Baz Luhrmann film starring Ewan McGregor and Nicole Kidman, will perform on stage in June. The show "Hadestown" will also arrive on Broadway in April, allowing the audience to become a part of a mythical love story.

Through the immense impact movies hold on most forms of entertainment, this year proves filled with highly anticipated movies. Disney, in the lead of this trend, will release films like "Aladdin," "Dumbo," "Avengers: Endgame," "Captain Marvel," "Lion King," "Toy Story 4," "Frozen 2," "Spider-man: Far From Home," and "Star Wars: Episode 9."

These nine major films are set to release throughout the year to fill viewers calendar. In the list of films remain three live action remakes from previous Disney classic which are "The Lion King," "Aladdin," and "Dumbo." There remains no doubt that Disney will impact the box office and increase the competition for number one in grossing.

Other films not owned by the Mouse that are coming out this year are "It: Chapter Two," "Joker," and "Rocketman." "It: Chapter Two," the sequel to the first Stephen King clown remake, will star the actors from the first movie; however, an additional cast of actors prove set to portray their characters during adulthood.

Horror fans are excited to see the second part to King's film and what new ominous expressions Bill Skarsgard will create as he plays Pennywise again. This year, Todd Phillips steered away from superheroes and created the film "Joker," starring Joaquin Phoenix as the villain we all know and love by the same name.

In the mist of adoration on biopics like "Bohemian Rhapsody," which tells the story on how the band Queen came into existence, Hollywood plans to release "Rocketman" in May. The film, similar to "Bohemian Rhapsody," follows the story of a famous singer; however, this time it surrounds Elton John's journey to fame.

There are many films scheduled to release this year, sealing an intense package for award season next year. But where films reside, music follows closely behind. This year, the biggest album released proves "Thank you, Next" by Ariana Grande. In her release of her latest album, her three singles "7 Rings," "Break Up with your Girlfriend," and "Thank you, Next" hit the Billboard Hot 100 list in first, second and third place. Ariana Grande became the second artist to have three of her singles on the list, following The Beatles.

The Grammys awarded Childish Gambino with Best Record, Song and Music Video of the year, while country artist Kacey Musgraves won for Best Album of the Year. Meanwhile the Oscars delivered well deserved awards to movies like "Black Panther" and "A Star is Born," ending award season with a satisfied audience.

Broadway and Hollywood prove determined to fill the year with great forms of entertainment like musicals, films, and albums for the audience to enjoy until 2020 arrives to deliver even more. Some of these films will go above the PG-13 rating, so viewer discretion is advised.



# A blinding error filled thriller

Sandra bullock's film "BirdBox" sparks a new challenge

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A whirlwind success and currently dominating the television industry serves as the Netflix Original "Bird Box," released on Dec. 13, 2018. This movie revolves around character Mallory Hayes, portrayed by high-profile actress Sandra Bullock.

When a mysterious force decimates the population, only one thing proves certain: if you see it, you die. During this movie, Malorie, a secluded and isolated woman who loves art, raised on a farm filled with animals, moves to the city to pursue her work life. She becomes pregnant with her first child and her sister, Jessica Hayes (Sarah Paulson), wants to get out of town due to a "plague" that essentially takes over the world. While driving back home from Malorie's doctor appointment to check up on the baby, the sisters begin conversing about how Malorie's remains reluctant to leave town. In the middle of talking, her sister's attention is caught by something outside of the car, her eyes tearing up and turning

a different color, before proceeding to lose control of the vehicle. After crashing the car, Jessica leaves the car, seemingly unharmed if not shaken up, and immediately gets fatally struck by a truck.

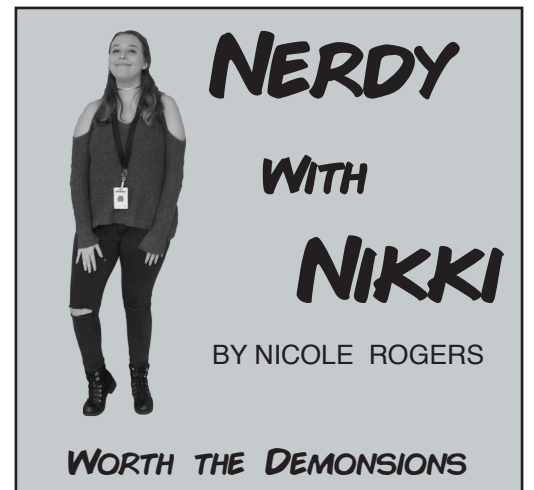
The "plague" proves centered around the concept that if someone lays eyes upon these so-called creatures that invaded Earth, they compel the viewer to harm themselves, and ultimately commit suicide. After the death of her sister, Malorie gets taken in by a large group of survivors, including a man named Tom (Trevante Rhodes), with whom she spends most of her time. This quality time soon turns into something deeper, and the two begin a relationship together. It takes little time for the remaining survivors to be killed off, leaving Malorie with her son, Boy (Julian Edwards), and the daughter of another deceased survivor, Girl (Vivien Lyra Blair).

Seemingly having found peace, Malorie carries out the rest of her days in a large home with a beautiful garden,

surrounded by other survivors like her and her children. Inspired by the thriller, people all across the country are partaking in a game called the #birdboxchallenge.

Both teenagers and adults either cover up their cars' windshield with paper and black them out, using only their car sensors to drive, similar to what the movie portrays. People also blindfold themselves, and attempt to carry out daily activities without their ability of sight. Teenagers used this challenge as a game to see who could last the longest while visually impaired. There are many people who received injuries and some extreme cases resulted in death from these irresponsible contestants. While not quite as dangerous, but still potentially harmful, some people took canoes into their pool and attempted to paddle around while blindfolded without crashing.

Perhaps not in the most conventional of ways, this movie certainly took the world by storm, questioning behavior across the board.



Just when Marvel seemed like they had reached peak performance, the impossible happened.

Through a collaboration with Sony Entertainment, one of the greatest animated creation to have ever graced this inferior planet came in the form of Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse. While only able to witness this God-sent of a cinematic experience on my measly laptop, this absolute masterpiece of a movie still retained all of its glory.

Considering the style of the art alone, the film managed to demonstrate true comic book formatting throughout the entirety of its one hour and 56 minute duration.

The visuals of the movie switched constantly between cartoony to psychedelic, never lacking in vibrancy or stimulating backgrounds. The unique style of art sets a new standard for animated film, pushing the boundaries of the ordinary and inspiring other artists to follow suit with up-and-coming projects.

Of course, this style of artistry did not come easily; approximately one week went into creating each second of this movie. It took up to a year and a half for one pair of artists to create one perfect shot. In total, it took up to 800 people four years to finish this ground-breaking project.

Then again, the time span of the film's completion proves less shocking when taking into consideration all of the many factors that made it so outstanding. The main character, Miles Morales, represents one of few biracial characters in mainstream media. With a black father and a Hispanic mother, the movie represents many cultural factors of both of Miles's backgrounds throughout the movie.

The soundtrack heavily features rap, Spanish lyrics, and R&B rhythms, combining Miles's heritage through an amazing original score. Miles also displays a unique love for graffiti, a trait he shares with his uncle, who encourages him to continue honing his artistic abilities.

The movie further demonstrates Miles as being an intelligent young man, dedicated to his schoolwork and receiving an excellent education at a fancy private school; something most minority characters remain stigmatized as the opposite of.

Most avid film geeks prove used to the classic trope of a young character finding themselves a father/mother figure to guide them through life. What many viewers prove not used to, however, is the adult finding a son/daughter figure that helps provide meaning to their life again.

This movie expresses this twist on schemes with Miles and Peter B Parker's relationship. After enlisting Peter to become his mentor, the audience finds Miles teaches his elder just as much as he teaches him. After having been essentially a deadbeat superhero for the past few years, Peter re-establishes a sense of purpose for his life after bonding and saving the multiverse with his fellow spider-person.

Another key character worth mentioning from the movie remains Gwen, superhero alias: Spidergirl. Far from the average stereotype of most female characters in the entertainment world, Gwen proves a smart, analytical character who can take on anything. Essentially, Gwen serves as the most put together of the main three.

There remain a lot of key components throughout the film that truly make it one of a kind. Movies nowadays prove more and more willing to break stereotypes and take risks with the themes of their films.

Hopefully, future animation projects can take inspiration from this new art style and start a new era of groundbreaking animated films.

# An elegant hostless night

Kevin Hart will not host the Oscars due to old Anti-LGBTQ+ tweets

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**A haunting Past:** Kevin Hart was confirmed to host The 91st Academy Awards until he turned down the position due to old anti-gay tweets came to light from his twitter account.

At the climax of the scandal, Kevin Hart responded to heat respectfully and gave his reasoning onto why he turned down to be host of the Oscars. "I have made the choice to step down from hosting this year's Oscar's....this is because I do not want to be a distraction on a night that should be celebrated by so many amazing talented artists. I sincerely apologize to the LGBTQ community for my insensitive words from my past," wrote Kevin Hart

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The Academy Awards is an event that awards highly creative, out of the box directors, actors and producers. Every year a host is chosen to carry on this esteemed award show. Some of these prestigious hosts include Jimmy Kimmel, Ellen DeGeneres, Hugh Jackman, Alec Baldwin, Chris Rock, Frank Sinatra and Robin Williams.

This year, the Academy chose Kevin Hart to be the host for the 91st annual Academy Awards. Some fans proved more than happy with the chosen representative for this year's Oscars. However, many others met the selection with harsh words of opposition.

Two months before the Oscars was set to take place, old anti-gay tweets from Kevin Hart's Twitter came to light. Hart received immense backlash throughout social media on his Twitter history. After becoming aware of the strong discontent stemming from his nomination,

Hart decided to take the high road and willingly resign from the position.

"I have made the choice to step down from hosting this year's Oscars....this is because I do not want to be a distraction on a night that should be celebrated by so many amazing talented artists. I sincerely apologize to the LGBTQ community for my insensitive words from my past," Hart said in a tweet in early Dec. Hart acknowledged the backlash and words of hate he received in the days following the announcement of his nomination with maturity and sincerity. He addressed his past comments and appealed to the public with an open apology and a commitment to continue developing his mindset.

"I'm sorry that I hurt people.. I am evolving and want to continue to do so. My goal is to bring people together not tear us apart. Much love & appreciation to the Academy. I hope we can meet again," Hart said.

Soon, the backlash simmered down and some of the Twitter audience even defended Harts decision, and commended his desire to continue growing as a human being and getting rid of his previous beliefs towards the LGBTQ+ community. The Academy soon created a plan to incorporate a number of A-listing celebrities to help present and transition the show.

The Oscars also planned to hold more performances and open with a performance rather than a monologue. Adam Lambert and Queen opened the Oscars with a rocking performance of "We Will Rock" and an emotional "We Are the Champions." Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga performed the hit "Shallow" while demonstrating how connected both actors are to the song.

When Feb. 24 came around, the award show moved smoothly without the need of a host, while still maintaining the class that it proves so well known for.

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# Judging with the Jags

## Unmasking lucid emotions

Senior Jeremy Sousa released first EP "Eulogy to My Love Life"

Marisol Pardo

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Throughout the bitter events occurring in the world, the EP "Eulogy to My Love Life" revealed the sincerity of human nature. An EP generally serves as a sort of testing grounds for an artist, allowing them to release a selected amount of tracks to see how well they reach listeners.

Senior Jeremy Sousa released his very own EP titled "Eulogy to My Love Life," opening his thoughts and feelings for all to listen too. Sousa created an album where his life can be shown by a few lines. Through the darkness that creeps along the walls of the songs, there is light to his in history.

The EP starts with a song that allows the listener to know who Sousa, also known by his stage name "Jeremy Salsa" truly is. "Jeremy" proves a breath of fresh air from all the fabricated lives some artists create in their music.

The candor of this track delivers a dark but true reality that some people do live. For a self-produced song, the orchestra and flow of music goes along well with deep and well written lyrics.

Throughout this EP, a journey of emotions can be heard through the lyrics and music. The song "Not in My Lane" demonstrates how the need for help is not always needed

immediately. The short track allows Sousa to connect to many teenagers as they try to resolve their issues by themselves. It highlights that asking for help may not prove a bad thing, and that hard times do not always have to be suffered alone.

Songs like "Easy Emotions" and "Your Favorite Food" have light hearted music with the common theme of heavy lyrics. The uniqueness of these two tracks is how the music shifts perfectly with the rhythm of the words.

These tracks also create a balance of music and vocals, making the music even more immersive. The music in this EP proves to be diversified through its melodies and alternative design. Sousa also delivered those same emotions unto his live performances at Carmela's Open Mic and Drama's Open Mic night. This small record allows for listeners to enjoy youthful music while connecting to meaningful lyrics which holds a place somewhere in our mind and heart. It lifts listeners while keeping them grounded throughout the tracks.

"Eulogy to My Love Life" proves an intense contrast of emotional and light hearted music, and remains a delightful experience that definitely deserves recognition. The songs do contain explicit lyrics in them, and listener discretion is advised.

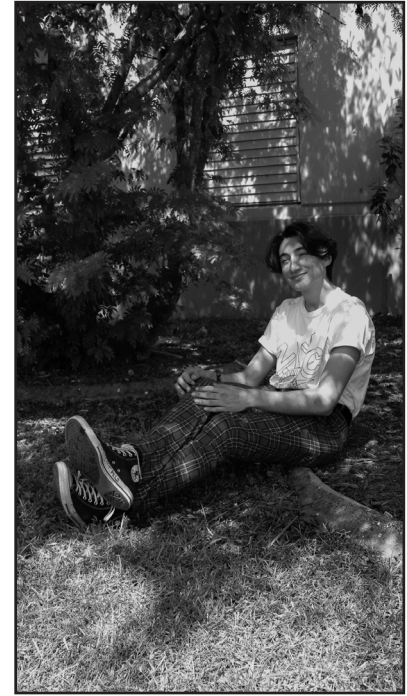


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## Shifting into new spinoffs

Paramount's "Bumblebee" will be the first Transformer Spinoff

Julia Bennett

COPY EDITOR

A blast from the past, the Bumblebee movie centers around the comic book character's experience as he travels to Earth seeking refuge during the 1980s. The movie opens with an intense fight scene on the planet Cybertron. Optimus Prime and the Autobots fight a fierce battle against Megatron and his fleet of Decepticons as they wage a war to protect their home.

Closing in on their loss, Optimus sends Bumblebee, voiced by Dylan O'Brien, to Earth to find shelter for the remaining Autobots. Upon traveling to Earth, Bee lands in California and sustains severe injuries in a fight against the U.S. army who do not yet understand his intentions to protect humanity. Bee disguises himself as a 1980s Volkswagen Beetle and falls into a deactivated state due to his injuries until found by the main protagonist Charlie (Hailee Steinfeld).

As she fixes bee, she discovers that he not only lost his voice, but his memories as well. Charlie befriends the robot and grows closer to him; together with her friend Memo, they help Bee to recover his memories and face off the decepticons Shatter and Dropkick, who teamed up with the U.S. Army and Agent Burns, played by John Cena, to hunt down and kill Bumblebee.

The setting and time period of the film brings a sense of nostalgia to older audiences, drawing on popular movies, like The Breakfast Club, and popular music from the 1980s. In fact, the music choice proves absolutely amazing as they play classics such as Everybody Wants To Rule the

World, Don't You (Forget About Me), Take On Me, and Never Gonna Give You Up - prepare to get Rick Rolled. The film even includes an original song performed by Hailee Steinfeld called Back To Life. Throughout the Bumblebee movie, many other connections to the time period including references to the original Transformer cartoon, which came out during the 80s, bring the characters and storyline even closer to fans who prove loyal to the Transformers series from the start.

Focusing on the main character, Hailee Steinfeld's portrayal of Charlie further exemplifies her talent as an actress. The complex character deals with the grief from her father's recent death and couple it with the anxiety of her standing as an outcasted unpopular teenager trying to fit in and adjust to a new lifestyle as she lives with her mother and her new boyfriend. Charlie experiences bullying by the girls from school and continues to bottle up her frustration as her mother ignores her feelings and needs. Bee helps distract Charlie from the pain she endures in her every day life; working on him and spending time with him helps her to cope. The audience grows attached to the surly but lovable young girl and can feel her emotions through the screen as she cries over the loss of her dad, the loss of her only friend, and the frustration she feels towards her mother.

Overall, Bumblebee is a feel good movie for people of all ages. This means that audience and fans could very well see Charlie and Bumblebee hit the big screen once again very soon.



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# SPORTS

## RACKING UP POINTS

Tennis team works tirelessly to claim spots in States

Natalia Maldonado  
SPORTS EDITOR

**A**s the spring sports season goes underway, the Jaguar's tennis teams work hard in the often grueling Florida heat to take their team to the top. Led by their captain, junior Bryan Hodo Johnson, hope to take themselves to States this season.

"Every year at districts a lot of our players lose early," said Johnson. "I want this year to [change that]."

The majority of the team attend practices 2-3 days per week, coached by Miladys Penalver-Howard. However, some players opt for their own private coaches and attend the games as they occur.

Although sporting a relatively small team, with 7 boys and 4 girls respectively, they pride themselves on their motivation and consistent efforts so far this year. Johnson hopes to see new members in the coming year, especially on the smaller girls team. With household names like Serena Williams and Naomi Osaka coming further and further into the spotlight, there is a hope that women's tennis will become more popularized.

Despite their small numbers, the team's 3-2 standings prove the efforts they put into the game. Johnson intends to work hard with his team and take them to

the top.

Johnson, like many other young tennis players, got his start in the sport from a young age.

"I started playing when I was three," Johnson said. "I didn't get serious until I was ten, when I went to an academy."

Others on the team got a similar start.

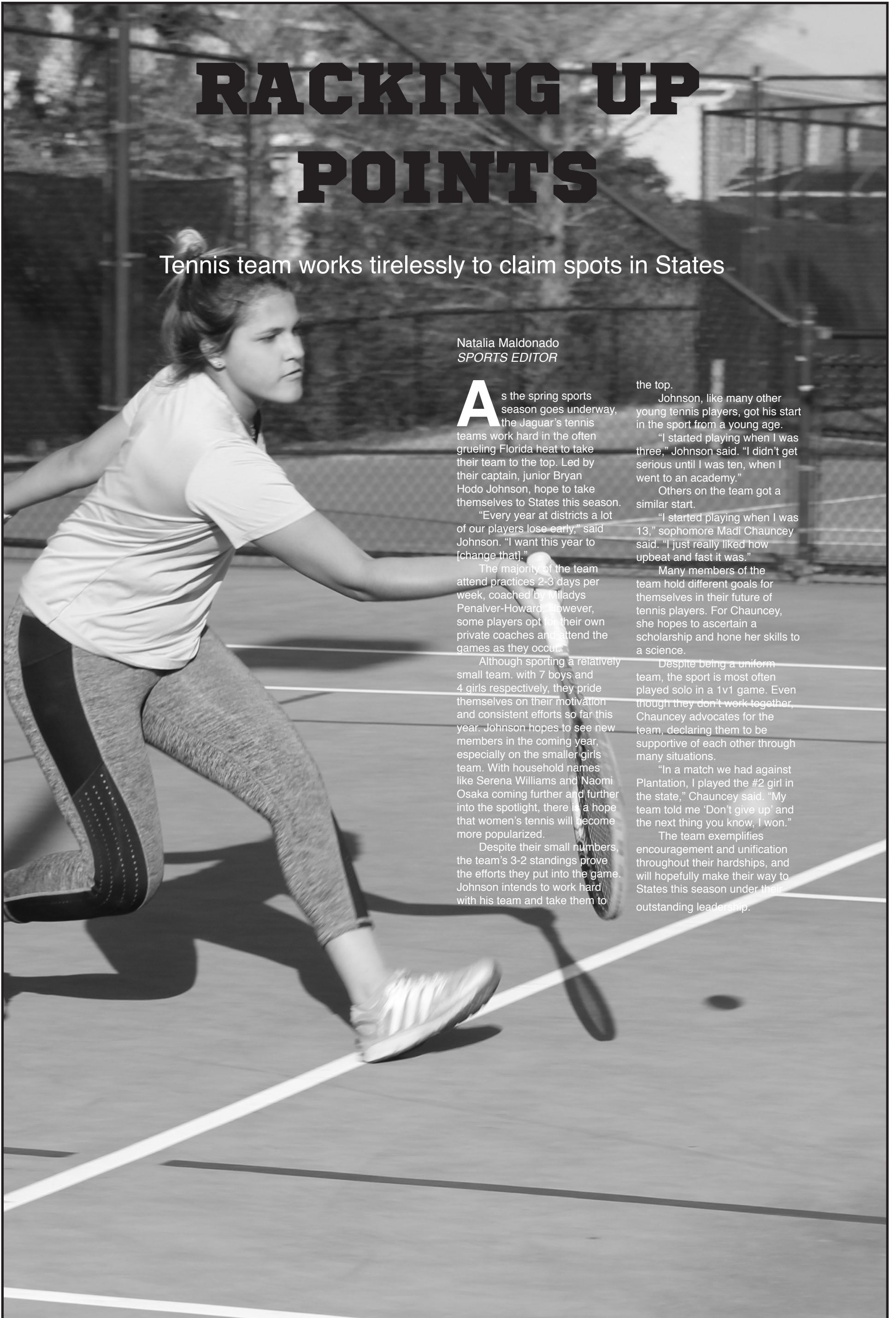
"I started playing when I was 13," sophomore Madi Chauncey said. "I just really liked how upbeat and fast it was."

Many members of the team hold different goals for themselves in their future of tennis players. For Chauncey, she hopes to ascertain a scholarship and hone her skills to a science.

Despite being a uniform team, the sport is most often played solo in a 1v1 game. Even though they don't work together, Chauncey advocates for the team, declaring them to be supportive of each other through many situations.

"In a match we had against Plantation, I played the #2 girl in the state," Chauncey said. "My team told me 'Don't give up' and the next thing you know, I won."

The team exemplifies encouragement and unification throughout their hardships, and will hopefully make their way to States this season under their outstanding leadership.



## Ba-da-da-da, Clemson's lovin' it

### Clemson Tigers eat a surprising meal at the White House

Natalia Maldonado

SPORTS EDITOR

National champion winners for college football, the Clemson Tigers found themselves greeted with an interesting surprise at the White House: a buffet of fast food served on silver platters and fine china. Due to the month long government shutdown, the White House staff faced a predicament as their guest's arrival came nearer and nearer. What would they feed the more than 70 large group of players? President Donald Trump, who covered the tab, settled on over 1,000 burgers as well as a collection of pizza, nuggets, and fries from assorted American fast food chains. More specifically; Burger King, Wendy's and McDonald's.

President Trump, who described the buffet as "great American food," thought it would be an "interesting" way to treat the players to what he believed was "their favorite foods." Pictures emerged of McDonald's sauces on Lincoln-era gravy boats, and a proud Trump standing in front of it all. Needless to say, the fast food buffet sparked conversation.

"McDonalds? Wendy's? BK? Fave food? That's not a lunch of champions," former Clemson quarterback Tahj Boyd tweeted. "That's a middle school field trip."

Barstool Sports—a comedic sports blog—disagreed, tweeting "Clemson is eating GOOD at the White House tonight."

Despite other's opinions, it seems the team enjoyed their meal. The White House pool report stated some players "whooped" and cheered as the smorgasbord of food came into view.

The strange dinner was the result of the January government shutdown. With no budget available to arrange dinner for the mass of players, President Trump chose to pay for the meal out of his own pocket.

The Tigers attended a well deserved visit to the White House, despite the wildly varying opinions on their dinner. The team, welcomed to the capitol after a 44-16 game against the Alabama Crimson Tide, held a 15 game win streak throughout the season. Dabo Swinney, the head coach, is attributed to much of the team's success.

However, wrapped up in a bundle of controversy,

Swinney recently admit that three players (defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence, tight end Braden Galloway and offensive lineman Zach Giella) consumed ostarine by mistake. A performance enhancing drug banned by the NCAA, ostarine helps build lean muscle mass. Swinney believes the players were given a supplement that contained traces of the banned drug or were exposed to it somewhere else around their school. Others do not feel as sure, and remain suspicious of the team's integrity.

Clemson's astounding win streak while obtaining their third championship title gave many fans great joy. However, with the team's probity in question, many hold concerns that their Alabama game against the Crimson Tide was not played equal.

Coach Swinney claims that Alabama merely "played a better team that day."

Despite the controversy around their championship win, the Clemson Tigers clearly show great progress since their earlier seasons. Whether the suspicions against the team prove true or false, they still enjoyed quite a heartfelt, albeit greasy, meal at the White House.



**A BURGER KING:** President Donald Trump, who foot the bill on the fast food buffet, stands proudly in front of stacks of Wendy's burgers and salads. Photo courtesy of USA Today

## They lose some, they win some

### NBA teams lose in hope of new talent

Daniel Levy

SPORTS EDITOR

Already more than halfway into the season, the standings of each conference appear predetermined. Most of the teams fought their way to playoff contention, whereas others continued to struggle. In fact, among the few struggling teams, some actually sought to lose a vast majority of their games.

In a league where the final winners gain championship status, a bonus pay, and the glory of winning, one would think teams would work tirelessly to win. What consolation prize comes from losing every game? The answer to that question proves quite simple: winning the NBA Draft Lottery.

The NBA Draft Lottery works by allowing the 14 teams who did not make it to the playoffs to have a chance at picking one of the top three in the draft. The chance of getting selected to choose a draft member changes depending on the team's season record. The worse a team's season, the higher the chance of them being chosen to have first pick. The bottom three teams gain a 14% chance at earning the number one pick. With this in mind, it is simple to see why a team might not intend to give it their all. Despite the glory of winning a championship, the chance at gaining a star player is more valuable to a few select teams.

Among the players that will potentially enter the draft pool, Duke possessed a few players reckoned to get selected in the first round. Forward Zion Williamson progressed as the biggest name. Projected to go number one overall, Williamson's physical tools appeared quite unique, listed as a 6'6", 285 lb power forward, with a 6'10" wingspan and a 40 inch vertical leap. His body type and jumping ability defy physics, as he created matchup problems for opposing teams. Moreover, when Williamson stepped onto the court, he instantly became a walking highlight. Whether he sent the ball flying into the stands with a block or threw down a monstrous dunk with his explosiveness and power, social media and the crowd erupted.

Neck and neck with Williamson as the top prospect, also attending Duke, R.J. Barrett looks like a natural born winner. In his senior year of high school at Montverde Academy, Barrett led his team to a 32-0 regular season record, won the GEICO High School

Nationals, and helped the U19 Canadian National Team upset Team USA for the FIBA Championship. He also got awarded multiple National Player of the Year awards, as well as the FIBA U19 MVP. The list goes on, as Barrett recorded many other accolades in the AAU circuit and other brand-sponsored events, but it proves a point. NBA scouts put Barrett on their radar as a natural winner, with the potential to change a franchise.

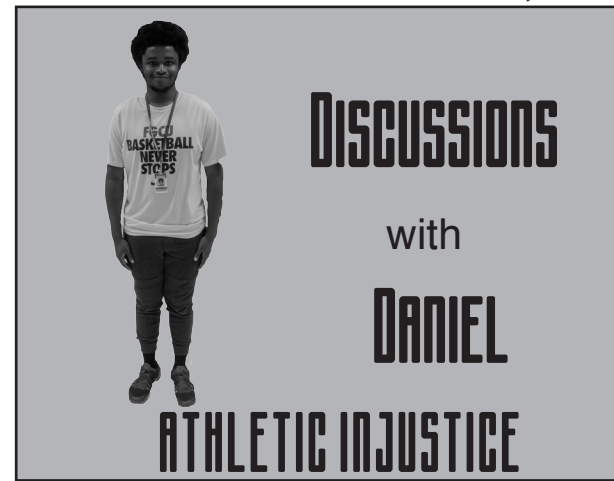
Another highly-ranked prospect, Oregon center Bol Bol, projected as a once-in-a-generation talent. Bol Bol's potential compares to a black swan and a unicorn. In a case where a black swan (an unlikely event) and a unicorn (imaginary) describe the same subject, the circumstance seems idealistic. In the case of Bol Bol, he stands at 7'2", 235 lbs, with a 7'5" wingspan and a 9'6" standing reach, with the mobility and perimeter of a guard. Bol generates nightmares for opposing teams, as he forces havoc on both ends of the floor.

Overall, this year's draft class appeared loaded with distinctive talent. A few players stood out amongst the heap, potentially as transcendent players with high ceilings of NBA greats. With their extraordinary repertoires, they each hold the potential of franchise cornerstones, something lottery teams hope to acquire.

The 2019 Draft Lottery is expected to be held on May 14. So far Tankathon, a website dedicated to predicting draft winners, projects the New York Knicks, Cleveland Cavaliers, and Phoenix Suns will be among the bottom three. With such promising players among the draft pick, fans hold much hope that they will carry exactly what these teams will need to reach the top.

Bleacher Report claims that the Pheonix Suns greatest weak spot is their need for a talented point guard. The team also features a great defensive weakness that is not currently balanced by their excellent offense. Meanwhile with the Knicks and Cavaliers, who show themselves average all around, need new talent to shake up their roster.

With the diverse needs of each team in the bottom 14, the draft lottery may be a few teams' only chance at successful seasons in the upcoming years. With the regular season finishing in April, the draft is still currently anyone's game.



In a society in which college proves requisite for the path of future leaders, securing scholarships ensures that young students can attend college in order to do so.

Particularly, as athletes showcase their skills at the highest level, they encompass such scholarships, paying for expenses like textbooks, meals, and housing. So, understandably, the argument in favor of college student-athletes to get paid may get shot down in a heartbeat.

Just put this into perspective: imagine performing for the school team, captivating attention for the school, yet not receive compensation for the money made from the games.

Moreover, take into account the deduction in study and homework time from classes, as well as risking catastrophic injuries that players endure. Indeed, players earn scholarships that pay for everything in order for them to even attend college; however, what about the money that far exceeds that of the scholarship? Simply put, all NCAA student-athletes deserve to receive disbursements.

Every gameday, heaps of fans buy tickets in order to view the athletes. With attendance ranging in the hundred thousands, and each ticket ranging in the hundreds, evidently, schools accumulate an amass amount of money per game. With that in mind, players do not get a dime.

Competitors play each game with maximum effort, from diving onto the floor to get the gameball to logging in an extensive amount of minutes. When spectators come to watch the games, they enjoy a show.

Sports act as a platform for entertainment, as people pay money to enthrall themselves. Yet, NCAA colleges forget to acknowledge the student-athletes' role in entertainment.

Comprehending such facts, why do student-athletes continue to play in such a situation? Just like how medical practitioners need to attend medical school, and just like how future lawyers must go to law school, college acts as a gateway for players for their careers.

A good percentage of players possess the intent in playing professionally, and playing college sports appears as the best way to do so.

For instance, Zion Williamson, star forward for Duke Blue Devils Basketball, committed to Duke to increase his chances of making it into the NBA. With that said, Williamson not only ranked number five of the ESPN Rankings for high school basketball players in the nation, but NBA scouts projected him as a clear cut future superstar once he reaches the NBA, without even attending college. In addition, major sports brands, including Nike and Puma, yearn for Zion Williamson's services.

However, Williamson cannot sign to any brand, as NCAA rules deny student-athletes the right to get endorsement deals.

Furthermore, suffering from a mild knee sprain in a sold-out matchup versus the North Carolina Tarheels, the injury could affect Williamson and the Blue Devils in the future. Even though the NCAA holds an insurance policy for their athletes, that does not equate to the millions of dollars Williamson could miss out on, not to mention ruining his chances of accomplishing his lifelong dream to make the NBA.

For Duke, that affects their chances of winning the championship this year, as Williamson may sit out for the rest of the season to rest up for the NBA Draft due to lack of appreciation towards their athletes.

NCAA student-athletes also need money for their everyday lives. Comparatively, players enter games where they do not consume meals consistently. According to former UCONN star point guard Shabazz Napier, he spends many nights without food on his table.

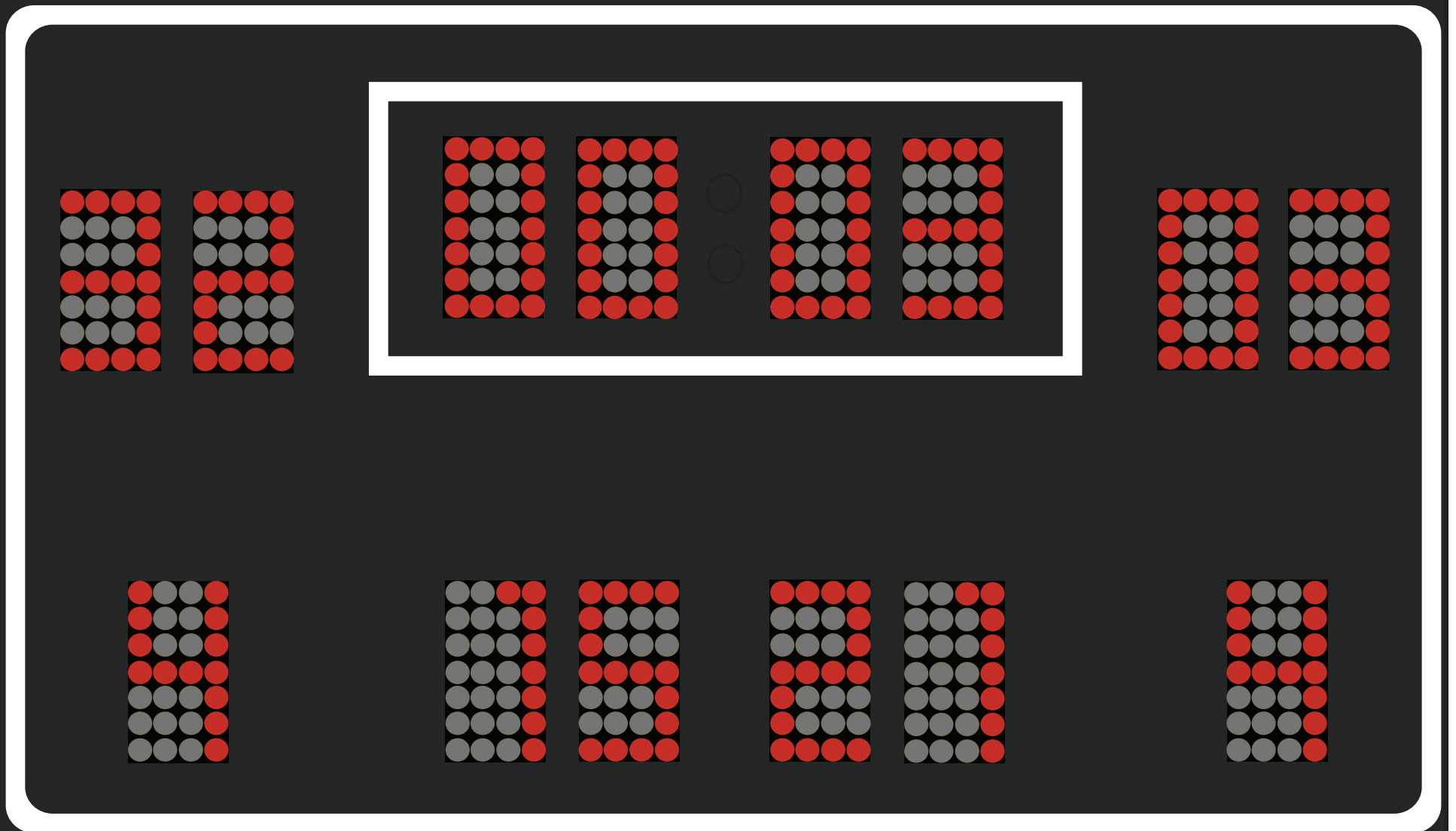
Players like Napier feel the injustice in not receiving the money to pay for everyday finances they encounter. By committing to a college, student-athletes agree to play to the best of their abilities. Yet, they do not receive compensation for their efforts, not to mention the amount of money the school amasses for their matchups. It proves a worthy cause for these schools to look further into.

Overall, NCAA colleges should take a look in the mirror: without the athletes, their brand would not stand where it places today.

# LOOKING AT THE SCOREBOARD

Taking an in-depth look at student athlete's grades

Mina Kendell  
STAFF WRITER



It comes as no surprise that the grades of student athletes play a significant role in their playing time.

The fabled idea of athletes typically correlate to poor grades, simple-minded students, and idle attitudes in the classroom. However, some of the Jaguar athletes prove otherwise to this infamous stigma.

In some instances, a few teams saw the structure of their team start to deplete due to failing grades. Most notably, basketball and football lost key players due to insufficient grades and unexcused absences. As a result, players dealt with consequences, such as sitting out games, going from starter to bench player, and even getting kicked off the team. This both damages team morale, as well as student opportunities at college scholarships for their athletic achievements.

Consequently, the teams began to weaken in their playing ability and overall teamwork. In these cases, coaches forced their struggling players to utilize their study hall period to complete assignments, as well as attend tutoring sessions.

"The word student comes before athlete for a reason. Grades should be your number one

priority. If you are slipping out, do not come back on my field," soccer coach Richard Denny said.

Coach Denny's team performed well both on and off the field, perfectly demonstrating the deeper meaning of the term "student-athlete." Due to the right amount of discipline and effort put forth from both the coaching staff and the students, the team made a conscious effort in their school and soccer performance.

The girl's soccer team, mainly composed of freshmen, took on the challenge of playing on the team while taking AP classes. With a combined weighted GPA of 4.6, as well as finishing the season with a 6-7-1 record, the team certainly fulfilled that challenge, exceeding the expectations placed upon them.

Athletes often commit to their sport so much, they lose interest in succeeding in their school work. As a student-athlete, flourishing in both grades and the sport proves difficult to achieve. With the demanding hours both sports practice, homework, and other life responsibilities these students juggle, their workload can seem overwhelming. However, these students prove ready to excel in that provocation.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Finishing strong

Despite beginning the year off to a rocky start, the girl's soccer team gradually improved over time. They started the season with an unfortunate 0-7 loss against Cypress Bay. However, the team stayed positive, working tirelessly in practice and games, remaining determined to win. Each player saw themselves improve with the support of their coaches Richard and Ria Denny. The team ended their season with a closeout win against Deerfield, 7-0. Among the memorable moments during the season, team bonding stood out the most. While waiting for a storm to pass (in which their game against South Plantation got cancelled), the team held a dance party in their room. The girl's soccer team still holds room for improvement, but the team plans on continuing to grow, hoping to come back strong next season.

- Makayla Joyce



### Dominating the field

Coming off a historic season, the boys baseball team approaches the new year ready to dominate. Capping off a 13-9 regular season record, a district title, and a regional appearance, the team yearned for more. The team went 2-0 in districts, defeating Atlantic and Spanish River, and claimed a 7-1 victory over Fort Lauderdale High in the first round of regionals. Despite losing to St. Thomas Aquinas in the second round, the team became first-time district champions, along with advancing to the second round of regionals.

With a combination of experienced talent from last year, along with new players ready to make an immediate impact, the team currently seeks not only to repeat as district champions, but also look to win at the state level.

- London Lopez



# DIVING INTO A NEW SEASON

## Water polo team prepares for a splashing season

Daniel Levy  
COPY EDITOR

In just the third year of the newly-introduced sport, both the boys and girls water polo teams embark on new journeys this year.

Over a three-year span, the roster expanded noticeably, acquiring a plethora of new players. Because it requires many years for a new program to accumulate fresh talent, the team learns to understand the process of becoming great.

In fact, this year marks not only the first season of many players' water polo career, but their first time playing the sport in general. Undeterred by that fact, the team's pursuit in securing more participants to join stood as a focal point. Whether recruiting such players meant persuading friends, or spreading awareness on social media, the team yearned to achieve that objective. This year, the team is beginning to get close.

The majority of the athletes yet of the expectations the team will place on them. Because of this, the individuals must start working together to learn how to play the game.

"This year, our goal as a team is to learn and grow together, while having fun in doing so," junior Emilia Litewka said.

As of now, the team's season waits to commence, as they await for the district approval of their new coach, David Gulkis. However, the teammate chemistry remains strong from last year, as returning players warmly welcome the new ones.

Team bonding, acting as an improvement strategy for previous years, inflated due to

social interactions. The team often participated in collective gatherings including going out to eat as well as practicing at each other's pools.

"I think it is very important for a team to have fun and connect; that way, we have a better understanding of each other," Litewka said. The friendship bond between the teams only continues to grow. While the team is close-knit, letting others join in on the fun is no problem.

"My friend has been on the team for a year already, and she invited me to join," senior Maddison Duddley said. "Everyone there is [really] friendly, and they don't judge a book by its cover."

With an inexperienced, novice-filled composition, the team already held practices to sharpen their skills and play sets. Training sessions, held twice a week, focus primarily on their weaknesses. Moreover, other key areas Coach Gulkis center on include mastering the basic fundamentals and rules of the game.

Despite planning to compete against high-level teams in the foreseeable future, such as Stoneman Douglas and Flanagan, the team believes that their own hard work and bonding through practices could go a long way.

"Eventhoughwearenot[quiteas]experiencedasotherteams, I'm confident in our chances this year," junior Logan Persten said.

This year, the team looks to bounce back from last year's struggles. The returning players, who once knew nothing of the game, continue to teach their newer teammates of the expectations.

"Water polo is harder than it looks--and I have played football and soccer. So I think once the rookies start to experience [the actual game], that will hit them." Persten said.

In all, the team acknowledges the challenges they must overcome for the new season.

In spite of a lack of experience for many of the members, team bonding and hard work proves crucial in determining their overall success.



# A NEW APPLE EAR-A

## Apple AirPods reach new heights in popularity amongst Apple consumers

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With certain questionable items that Apple created during its continuing popularity, such as the Apple Watch and Pencil, its latest invention proves one of the most popular products currently on the market. The Apple AirPods, Apple's iteration of wireless Bluetooth earphones, recently took the world by storm. Despite coming out in 2017, the AirPods started to gain further traction in late 2018. However, the recent upgrade to these earphones divided the people between the AirPods and the ones that remained with the cords. Clearly, the price of the latest trend, coming at about \$160, prevents many consumers from enjoying its capabilities.

One of the most common reasons as to why people refuse to purchase AirPods relates to its supposed high price and low benefits. For example, people may stick with the Apple's corded variants instead due to the fact that they provide the exact same experience as with the AirPods, which simply comprises of listening to music or videos. Furthermore, the risk of damaging or losing the AirPods makes the product automatically come with a high risk. Simply losing the case in which the AirPods reside in comes at \$69 replacement charge. Losing the case prevents an individual from using their AirPods any further due to the case being the earphones' charger. Additionally, Apple charges \$69 to replace a single AirPods if someone manages to lose it. One must buy an entirely new set of AirPods if they manage to lose both earphones, as with any Apple product. In total, someone may be at risk of spending \$138 in replacements or an another \$160 for new AirPods.

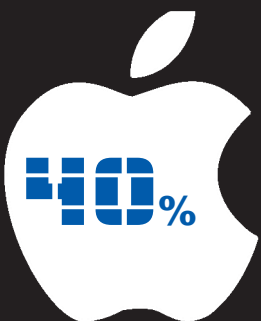
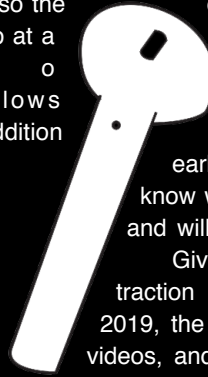
On the contrary, the advantages of the AirPods makes it seem deserving of its overwhelming praise. Primarily, the price, regardless of how ridiculous

it may seem, comes at a much lower cost when compared to other wireless Bluetooth headphones, which usually come at about \$250. Along with the reduced price, the advanced technology within the earphones provides consumers with enhanced experiences that its corded counterparts cannot reach. Specifically, the W1 chip, or the "brain" of the AirPods, makes it so the earphones and the iPhone sync up at a much faster rate, and its ability to allow for a longer battery life. In addition to these quality of life features, the

earbuds' optical sensors allow them to know when they remain in your ear or not, and will pause music or videos accordingly.

Given that the AirPods gained massive traction in late 2018 and continues in early 2019, the Internet took no breaks as reviews, videos, and memes came into fruition. Despite the obvious risks that come with its purchase, the seemingly endless positive feedback from the Apple community makes it seem as though these earbuds contain no flaws. On top of that, the AirPods users jokingly mock people that continue to use cords through various meme formats. For example, people meme the fact that if one does not own AirPods, then they are considered "broke." All in all, the AirPods proved Apple's obscure products can remain as one of the best-selling items currently for sale.

Regardless of whether one intends to buy these earphones or not, the various features that the AirPods provide cannot go unnoticed. Yet, its usefulness completely depends on the consumer.



40% of all bluetooth sales went to Apple wireless and bluetooth headphones.



Apple airpods sold 10x more than the average rate on their first launching day in 2016.



Apple has dominated 1/4 of the wireless headphone market since launching the Pods.